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ELECTION COMMISSION, INOS ASK FEDERAL COURT: 'Sequester ballots for Article 12 initiative'

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The Commonwealth Election Commission and its officials, along with

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, asked the federal court yesterday to delay the tabulation and certification of votes cast for the Article 12 initiative and sequester the ballots pending the disposition of their appeal.

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35 involved in search for Joe Salas

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The search for former Saipan resident Joseph "Joe" S. Salas entered its third day yesterday with still no sign of the brother of CNMI delegate candidate Andrew Salas.



Salas

old Salas (not 50 years old as previously reported).

The search party is made up of members of the Idaho County Sheriff's Office, Idaho County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, and Valley County Search and Rescue.

The search also involves two Bear Air and Lifeflight helicopters.

The Idaho County Sheriff's Of-

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Submarine cable draws concern of NI advocates

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Unknown to advocates for the resettlement of the Northern Islands and to those that oppose the U.S. military's use of Pagan, there currently is a submarine cable running parallel through or to the Northern Islands.

Based on a submarine cable map online, the China-U.S. Cable Network, or CHUS, shoots up from Guam and appears to cross into the Northern Islands between Pagan and what appears to be Asuncion.

This relatively recent finding by Northern Island advocates have

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MARK RABAGO

Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther P. Kia'aina talks with former Commerce secretary Sixto Igisomar at the Governor's Office conference room after meeting with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider early yesterday morning.

Kia'aina: Islanders' voices will be heard in DC

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Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther P. Kia'aina visited the Governor's Office and Legislature yesterday

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and her talks with Commonwealth leaders had one overarching theme—she will do everything in her power to make sure the voices of the U.S. insular areas will be heard in Washington, D.C.

Kia'aina, who was born in neighboring Guam and is making her first visit to the CNMI in her new position, said she will make sure that the CNMI's concerns in far-ranging issues like militarization of Pagan and Tinian, the pro-

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CNMI leaders welcome Kia'aina to Capital Hill

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A strong advocate for climate change, with superb knowledge of the islands, passionate, and well versed on territorial issues.

These were just some of the descriptions used by Commonwealth leaders after their dialogue with Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther P. Kia'aina, who is making her first official visit to the CNMI this week in her new capacity.

Kia'aina met with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider early yesterday morning at the Governor's Office on Capital Hill. The hour-long courtesy call

culminated in discussions on issues of interest to the CNMI and the other insular islands and the Freely Associated States.

"She was wonderful to talk to. Her knowledge of our islands' issues is superb; she has a very strong grasp of both existing concerns and current events affecting the Commonwealth. I feel that with her at the helm of the Insular Affairs Office, the CNMI has a great friend and colleague in Washington, D.C. I welcome her back to the Marianas, and request that we extend a warm welcome to her as well," said Hofschneider after the meeting.

House Speaker Joseph P.

Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Reps. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) and Richard Seman (R-Saipan) discussed a "myriad of federal issues" with Kia'aina that the Commonwealth is concerned about. These include immigration, submerged lands, militarization, and the Marianas Trench Marine Monument.

"...Esther is very well versed with the issues. She came here prepared and gave us a lot of feedback...[and] we learned about her position on these issues. I think she appreciates the local concerns here. She's very supportive of the concerns that

we have," said Deleon Guerrero. "This is not the end of it. We both agreed that they go back and get a response back to us on some of things they will be doing as far as supporting the CNMI."

Even controversial issues like the Department of Defense's proposed use of Pagan as a training area, the divert airfield on Saipan, and other sticky issues didn't seem to faze her, according to Deleon Guerrero.

"She seems very passionate about the CNMI as far as insular areas go, especially as the islands have been taking the lead on alternative or renewable energy. That is something she feels passionate about that she said

they could help. We also talked about submerged lands and underwater resources. Of course it will be Interior that will be granting any license. She wants to make sure that we're not only kept in the loop as far as any information is found, but also on the potential for revenue. ...I feel she's a champion of the people that she's [representing]. She's an islander."

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco said Kia'aina is a strong advocate for climate change adaptation programs. He said yesterday's discussions with Hofschneider centered on how local programs can align goals and objectives to protect and preserve the CNMI's environment.

Other issues discussed with the acting governor included economic and energy development, labor and immigration,

the Guam-CNMI visa-waiver programs, the Department of Defense buildup, and Compact Impact.

The Guam-born Kia'aina said it was good to be back in the CNMI, where she spent part of her life growing up.

"I have fond memories here, especially [studying] junior high on Tinian. I've been here several times on a professional capacity, but it always warms my heart to be here. The flame trees here are one of my favorites," she said. "I have fond affection not only for the people of the Northern Marianas but care deeply about the issues you are facing and will do whatever I can on my end to help the people."

Kia'aina was appointed by President Obama in the latter part of 2013 to take over the Insular Affairs Office.

'Expanding the Marianas Trench Monument would be premature'

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The CNMI government would oppose any expansion to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument similar to what was recently done for the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, according to Manny Pangelinan, acting secretary of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

"We don't see the need to expand the monument. First, we got a monument here that we have to take care of. We want to see whether this monument is adequate or not," he said.

Some involved with the creation of the MTMNM have made known their support of the expansion PRIMNM via social media, calling for expanding the monument here as well.

Pangelinan, however, believes that any expansion to the monument would first have to assess its current state.

"We have not given this monument a chance to develop or evolve itself," he said.

Pangelinan said the necessary regulatory framework and enforcement in the monument have yet to be put in place.

From there, the CNMI can see whether the policy and regulations and management in place are working, he said.

"This is a huge monument," he said.

He also pointed to the lack of enforcement in the monument as another reason, and cited

funding, which he singled out as one obstacle in the monument's delayed visitor's center.

"The CNMI does not have the capability or funding resources to monitor this monument all the way up to Sarigan. We need the partnership and the assistance of the U.S. so we can help each other monitor this," he said.

He said realistically speaking not too many people in the CNMI have the capability to go fish all the way to the Northern Islands and not leave an impact on the area.

"They don't have the vessel capability to do long-line fishing," he said.

MTMNM, established in the same year as the PRIMNM in 2009, has yet to see a visitor center established or a timeline for one.

Pangelinan, a member of the Mariana Trench Monument Advisory Council, said there has not been much development since public meetings on the visitor's center last month.

President Obama expanded PRIMNM on Sept. 24 from 87,000 square miles to almost 500,000 square miles, creating the world's largest marine reserve in the Pacific.

The Friends of the Monument recommended that MTMNM's boundaries be extended to include its northern waters, and to close the entire monument to sustenance, commercial, and recreational fishing in a letter to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan in 2009.


10 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 10 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours.

Affected sites are the DPW Channel Bridge, Pau Pau Beach, Hyatt Regency, Samoan Housing, Sugar Dock, Palms Resort,

Fiesta Resort, Fiesta drainage, San Antonio lift station, and the Garapan Fishing Dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci). These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. (DEQ)



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Man in home invasion gets 5 years in prison

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho slapped yesterday a five-year prison term on Alonzo Uchol Pedro Jr., who broke into an apartment unit and beat up a woman.

Pedro, 20, pleaded guilty to

burglary and criminal mischief as part of a plea deal.

He was sentenced to the maximum of five years in prison, to be served day for day without the possibility of parole or early release. He was given credit for 88 days of time served.

Camacho, however, expressed disappointment with the Office of the Attorney General

for amending the information to only charge Pedro with burglary without injury, which lowered the maximum that Pedro could be sentenced with to five years instead of 10 years.

Pedro was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$100 court costs, and \$300 probation fees.

During his three-year probation, Pedro is prohibited from

having any contact with the victim, Tae Hwa Noh. He was also required to stay away from Bay View Apartments in San Vicente during that period.

Pedro was ordered to pay \$1,565 in restitution to Noh, perform 300 hours of community service, and undergo counseling.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for Pedro. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Pedro broke into Noh's apartment on July 20, 2014, on Saipan and broke the inner locking latch of the front door of her unit.

At a preliminary hearing in August, police detective Elias

Q. Saralu testified that the victim sustained lacerations and bruises on the right side of her head, and abrasions on her left bicep and back.

Saralu said the cut on the victim's head required six stitches, her middle finger nail almost came off, her left arm had bruises, and she had scratches on the back, as well as neck pain.

The victim told police that she was sleeping on the couch of her apartment between 5:30am to 6am when she heard a noise coming from outside the front door.

When the victim looked out from the living room window, she saw a man, later identified as Pedro, trying to open the front door of her apartment.

Pedro then asked the victim if he could use her telephone. The victim told him to go away or she would call the police. Pedro managed to break open the door, choked the victim and covered her mouth as she tried to call police. Pedro then hit the victim on the head with an object, then ran away.

The victim told police that a day before the incident, she saw Pedro roaming in the parking lot of the apartment.

'Geothermal energy has to go through permitting stage first'

Before the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. can go ahead with geothermal explorations drilling in Gualo Rai, it has to go through the permitting stage first, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

Fletcher said the contractor has to do more analysis and needs to go through a permitting process with local environmental agencies due to National Environmental Policy Act requirements.

CUC board chair David J. Sablan earlier said that a federally funded digging intended to find additional water wells turned into a geothermal resource assessment when the contractor discovered increasing water temperatures.

Sablan said that when the contractor was digging down to about 400 feet, the team noticed increasing water temperatures. Sablan said that about 1,600 feet more has to be dug.

If enough heat is found—about 300 degrees—CUC can have a pressure generator.

Sablan said a geothermal source may provide only a few megawatts of power. This means the CNMI will still need other alternative energy sources.

Fletcher said that due to the permitting delay, CUC is looking at the end of this year to move ahead with geothermal energy as a source power. *(Jayson Camacho)*

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'Identifying toxin behind for fish kill improbable'

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Updates from the National Wildlife Health Center puts into doubt the possibility of pinpointing exactly what water-based toxin caused the recent fish kill of *hiyok* or blue-banded surgeonfish, according to Manny Pangelinan, acting secretary of the Department of Land and

Natural Resources.

"It's almost like finding a needle in a haystack," he said. "If you don't have specifics that can lead to give scientists an idea to what to analyze, then it becomes a very challenging task to analyze the specific toxins. The resources, the manpower, and the time can take years before we can even determine what kind of

marine toxin this is."

He said he has been working with the Center's Thierry Work on the matter to determine the cause of the fish kill that occurred over the last two months.

"Test on fish guts for water-soluble toxins were positive, but we will probably never figure out the identity of the particular toxin," Pangelinan said, quoting letters from the Center.

He said the Center has told him they do not have sufficient equipment to test for the soluble toxins, but will continue with their efforts.

According to Pangelinan, the most abundant of these fish washed ashore on Tank Beach, where almost a thousand fish were found.

The fish were also found on the beaches of Tinian and at

Laolao Beach on Saipan. Small batches were found at Forbidden Island and Obyan Beach, according to Pangelinan.

"We encourage the public to refrain from eating *hiyok*. But if

they want to eat *hiyok* they have to make sure that they don't eat the guts and they wash the fish clean, very clean, and ensure that the guts are not open when they are cleaning the fish," he said.

Fletcher: Credit vouchers a one-time-only credit per account

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The \$10-million credit vouchers issued by Best Sunshine Int. Ltd. as a gift to Saipan utility customers is a one-time-only credit per account, according to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher.

Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that accounts are still being looked at and there is still no estimated number of how many residential accounts will be eligible until a final number is met.

"Every residential account that we have includes those that have electricity but no water or wastewater, those that have water and wastewater but no power and those that have it all, so we are still looking at everything and still going through as to how many we are going to input into their account," he said.

The credit vouchers will be applied to a resident's account as the October billing, which will be received by November.

"It's a one-time application process because not everyone has the same rate. Others have close to \$1,000 billings while

the average is usually between \$300 to \$400, so if we take that and input it into their account it might pay the full amount or half," Fletcher said.

For example, if CUC finds that it has about 17,000 residential consumers, the \$10 million will be divided and distributed into their accounts for an estimated amount of \$588, which is only one time use and won't be applied each month.

"Whatever credit that is left for the customer, they can use it again if they want to, and for those who have really high consumption, it might only pay

half. But as for now we hope to have it all in place by the end of this month," he said.

Fletcher said the program has strict limitations. It is limited to one credit-voucher "per CUC account number and are not dependent on the number of people living at the service location."

All unused voucher credits will expire on Oct. 31, 2015.

"We hope to have it all in place and are working on the details and that it is always important to remember that the credit-vouchers have no cash value," he said.

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fice said they were advised of an overdue hunter in the Cloochman Saddle area in southern Idaho County on Saturday, Oct. 11, (Sunday, Oct. 12, in the CNMI) at 9:40pm.

The sheriff's office reported that Salas was last seen at 10:30am last Saturday, when he and his hunting partner split up.

"Salas was reported to not

be prepared to be out overnight nor was he dressed for the cold, snowy weather," the statement said.

The sheriff's office also said that on Monday afternoon (Tuesday in the CNMI), family members searching for Salas also became lost, which forced the search for Salas to be suspended while the searchers looked for the family members who were then located about two hours later.

7 KTVB.COM (www.ktvb.

com), meanwhile, reported that close to 50 police and volunteers are now involved in the search and are looking for Salas "in a very remote and steep area" and, so far, "search crews have covered about 15 squares miles."

The news channel reported that Salas was last seen wearing a hunter's orange hat and camouflage clothing.

7 KTVB.COM also reported that searchers found an arrow drawn in the dirt near a trailhead

in a deep drainage, along with a whistle, which could be a positive sign and can help to eventually find Salas.

Salas moved to the U.S. mainland some five years ago. He used to be president of the Saipan Little League Baseball Association, a staff of former representative Ed Salas at the House of Representatives, and used to manage a garment factory in Tanapag. He and his wife Cathy have two sons.

KIA'AINA

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posed divert airfield on Saipan that the CNMI opposes, and unfulfilled promises with regard to the Marianas Trench Marine Monument, submerged lands, among others, will reach the federal government.

She said the Department of Defense is still completing its environmental impact study on the suitability of either Saipan or Tinian as an alternative airfield for Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. Comments are due on Oct. 24.

"The [acting] governor assured me this morning that the CNMI will continue to express its opposition to the divert airfield on Saipan. I clearly will take that into account as we provide our own comments," she told reporters after meeting with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider.

She believes that with regards to the federal and territorial relationship, not just for the CNMI but for all U.S. territories, it is imperative that the Office of Insular Affairs listens to what people on the islands have to say.

"If in fact the CNMI govern-

ment is united, all of the mayors and the governor, then we will make sure this voice is heard," she assured.

Kia'aina reiterated her promise to help echo the CNMI and other insular areas' concerns to policymakers in Washington, D.C. in a meeting with members of the Senate and House of Representatives just before lunch yesterday.

"It's clear to me that in just the 48 hours I've been on island, it has crystalized more the complexity of issues that impact a small island environment and the passions of the people are no different than anywhere else in the U.S. mainland. It's my role to ensure that no matter the distance from Washington, D.C., that they have a voice on top of their congressional representatives to make sure the United States understands their needs," she told reporters after meeting with Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and Reps. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) and Richard Seman (R-Saipan).

The morning meeting with Hofschneider also revolved around how OIA can help in the economic development of the

CNMI by addressing other issues bogging it down.

"It's not surprising that economic development of the CNMI is a high priority and in order to achieve economic development, a multitude of issues needs to be discussed including labor and immigration, protection of our environment, energy developments, and CIP projects, especially for critically important issues like ensuring that the hospital is up to par to providing for the healthcare needs of the CNMI community."

She said Capital Improvement Project grants and other federal funding streams are already in place and the real issue is how to work with the CNMI government to implement the funding that is provided.

"The top issues are the closure of the Puerto Rico dump as well as ensuring the hospital's maintenance needs are implemented and we're deeply concerned because we're concerned about the potential cutoff of federal funding for the operations of the hospital. I view a lot of the issues as intertwined. You cannot think about CIP funding in isolation. You need to think about the impact it has on the operations of the hospital and

consequently the impact on healthcare for the CNMI community."

Kia'aina is also expected to visit the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Northern Marianas College, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Land and Natural Resources, and tour the American Memorial Park, among other activities.

Kia'aina will also fly to Tinian to meet with Mayor Ray Dela Cruz.

The Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas carries out the administrative responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior in coordinating federal policy for the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance to the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association. The Assistant Secretary executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs.

SUBMARINE

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them expressing concern over the lack of knowledge about the cable and its non-accessibility. They also question whether the cable extending from Guam and connecting to Asia encroaches on the CNMI's three-mile exclusive economic zone.

CHUS was ready-for-service in January 2000, according to the cable map website.

Verizon, AT&E, KDDI, Tata Communications, China Telecom, and Chungwa Telecom are among the 22 telecom companies from all over Asia as well as New Zealand and elsewhere that are listed as owners of the submarine cable.

Jerome Aldan, Save Pagan advocate and proponent for resettlement of the Northern Islands, said the discovery of the submarine cable comes as "no big surprise."

"The discovery of the submarine cable running through or by the Northern Islands is no big

surprise given the heightened military interest of the islands. We are urging the CNMI [Department of Public Lands] office and the [Department of Land and Natural Resources] office to further investigate the existence of those cables and whether or not the CNMI is either directly or indirectly benefiting from this submarine cable," he said.

In an interview, Manny Pangelinan, acting secretary of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, confirmed the submarine cable as something of interest.

On the question of whether the cable encroaches on the EEZ, he said it must first be determined under whose authority the cable was laid.

"Further research is needed before we make any conclusions," he said. "I know definitely that if they are encroaching in our water, we can write to them and talk to the governor and see what is going on with this and what approach we can take."

CHUS can be viewed at www.submarinecablemap.com.

'SEQUESTER

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Assistant attorney general Charles E. Brasington filed a motion for sequestration on behalf of CEC, chairperson Frances M. Sablan, executive director Robert A. Guerrero, and Inos.

Brasington argued that tabulating and certifying the votes prior to the disposition of defendants' appeal will set in motion actions that will be difficult to undo if the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reverses the federal court's decision on who could vote on the Article 12 initiative.

Brasington also filed yesterday an emergency motion to expedite the request for sequestration of the ballots pending their appeal.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the emergency motion and set a hearing on the issue on Oct. 29 at 2pm. She allowed the defendants to file the motion for sequestration yesterday and gave John D. Davis up to Oct. 22 to oppose.

Manglona said a decision on the motion for sequestration is needed by Nov. 3, 2014, in order for any relief the court may grant to be effective.

Davis, a registered voter in the CNMI and a non-Northern Marianas descent, sued CEC and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12. Manglona ruled in favor of Davis.

In that landmark decision, Manglona ruled that qualified voters who are not of Northern Marianas descents must have the opportunity to vote on the Article 12 initiative and any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

Article 12 restricts the ownership of land in the CNMI to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

The defendants appealed the decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In his declaration to support the emergency motion, Brasington said action is required on or before Nov. 2, 2014, to avoid irreparable harm as CEC will begin tabulating votes after the polls close on Nov. 4, 2014.

Brasington said their motion seeks to stop the tabulation of ballots of House Legislative Initiative 18-1 and to sequester the ballots pending resolution of their appeal in this case.

House Legislative Initiative 18-1 is a proposed amendment to Article 12.

Brasington said the defendants first filed their motion for sequestration in the Ninth Circuit last Oct. 10, but the Ninth Circuit rejected the motion yesterday and indicated that they should file the motion in the District Court.

In the motion for sequestration, Brasington said the Commonwealth believes it is fairest to all citizens to allow all registered voters to cast a ballot on H.L. I. 18-1, but then postpone the tabulation of the votes on that initiative until the appeal is resolved.

Voters back to 17K-mark; 2.3K absentee voters to go up

JSA Summer School, Winter Congress scholarships available for students

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

A representative of the Junior State of America, or JSA, is on island to discuss available Department of the Interior scholarships for the JSA Summer Programs and the JSA Winter Congress.

Ed Banayat, JSA foundation territory program director, told *Saipan Tribune* this is his second visit to the islands.

"In the past, JSA has had many talented students from several high schools in the CNMI attend life-changing JSA Summer Programs and the JSA Winter Congress as Department of the Interior scholarship recipients," he said. "These students are future leaders and difference makers in the community."

Banayat noted that four full-ride scholarships for the JSA Summer Programs and two full scholarships for the JSA Winter Congress program are available to high school students on island.

He has already visited a number of public and private high schools on island, and will be holding a parent and student information session this Friday. The session is from 4pm to 6pm in a classroom at the Marianas High School Gym.

"Interested high school students, parents, teachers and counselors are encouraged to attend," he said.

Tuition, which covers all academic expenses, housing and meals for the month, is \$4,950 and \$5,350 for the University of Virginia programs. Scholarships include tuition and transportation to and from the programs.

JSA Summer Programs and Winter Congress

Four sessions of the JSA Summer School program are conducted in university campuses such as Stanford, Princeton, the University of Virginia, and Georgetown.

At the summer school session, students experience college level courses in Government and Speech, while developing and polishing their leadership skills.

According to a news release, the highlight of each Summer School session is a high level

speakers program that gives students a chance to meet and question elected officials, judges, reporters, political campaign consultants, and others in the political arena.

In addition to daily and weekend classes, students will engage in debates covering controversial political issues—a simulation of the debates held in the U.S. Congress—known as a Congressional Workshop.

Banayat said that admission to JSA Summer School is very competitive.

"Admission decisions are based on an applicant's academic achievement, leadership, and interest in politics or government."

To apply, students submit an official high school transcript, two personal essays, and a letter of recommendation from a counselor or an academic teacher.

For the past 24 years, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has offered full tuition and transportation scholarships to the Junior Statesmen Summer School to outstanding high school students in U.S. territories.

As part of JSA's Winter Congress program in Washington, D.C., a two-day simulation of Congress will be held allowing students to meet as members of a simulated U.S. House of Representatives, as well as a simulated U.S. Senate.

Students from the U.S. territories and Freely Associated States will participate with their peers from the U.S. Mid-Atlantic States. Students will also be able to draft mock legislation and debate the legislation amongst the participants.

Banayat said the Winter Congress program offers a cultural experience where students will meet with their legislators in Washington, D.C., tour monuments and museums, and visit historical sites.

In addition to the program, Department of the Interior scholarships include transportation to and from the program.

To apply, students must complete a 750-word essay: "What is the most important policy issue facing the 113th Congress, and what should they do to address it?"

High surf seen to subside today

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am today, Thursday.

Buoy readings from the Marianas and computer model data indicate that a north-northwest swell from former Typhoon Vongfong continue to impact the Marianas. Hazardous surf

of 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs will fall below hazardous levels this morning.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. **(HSEM)**

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

From 18,002 registered voters a few weeks ago, the number went down to the 17,000-mark, which is still the highest in CNMI history.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero also disclosed that, as of Tuesday, there were 2,300 absentee voters and the number is expected to go up by a hundred because of the applications they received last Friday.

Guerrero said that, as of Oct. 2, there were 17,996 registered voters, including absentee voters. Two days before that, on Sept. 30, the number of registered voters was at 18,002.

Guerrero said the total went down after the hospital provided CEC with certifications on the people who have passed away.

"We got the [death certificates] and we deducted, that's why it went back to 17,996," he explained.

He said they can still remove registered voters' names for deaths and felony convictions.

He noted if the court says that a person has been convicted of a felony, CEC has to remove the name of that person from the roster of registered voters.

Guerrero said the 17,000-mark is still the highest in CNMI history. In the past, the total number of registered voters barely made it to 16,000.

Of the 17,996 registered CNMI voters, Saipan has

14,376; Tinian has 1,656; Rota has 1,799; and Northern Islands has 165.

In the general election in 2009, the number of registered voters totaled 16,146. In 2005, the number was at 15,118.

Of absentee voters, Guerrero said the 2,300 as of Tuesday is expected to go up by over a hundred because of the last applications they received last Friday—the deadline for applications through email and fax.

"The number could increase but not much, not a tremendous amount, about 100-some," he said.

Guerrero stressed that people can still walk in and request for absentee ballots all the way to the day before the Nov. 4 election day.

The executive director said those who submitted applications for absentee ballots during Friday's deadline were those requested by email or fax.

Guerrero said voters can still go to their office and request for absentee ballots if they are going off-island.

"We just give them the absentee ballots. We don't get the ballots. They have to turn over the ballots to the post office," he said.

Guerrero believes that they can start receiving the absentee ballots tomorrow, Friday.

He said if the post office will allow them on Friday, they will inventory to determine how many ballots come in. The absentee ballots go through the post office, which then secure them.

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First ever 'eco-cultural' exchange program in the CNMI

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

As part of the CNMI's way to foster goodwill between Japan and the CNMI, the first ever "eco-cultural" exchange program kicked off yesterday morning at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan among high school students of both countries.

Students from Izumi High School based in Osaka joined Kagman High School and Saipan Southern High School students in planting trees at the beach and picking up trash.

About 50 young coconut trees were planted along the beach line of the Carolinian Utt.

Gordon Marciano, Pacific Development Inc. general manager and exchange program coordinator, said the activity enables the students to share their respective cultures through the protection of and learning about the environment.

Marciano's words were echoed by KHS principal Leila Staffler, who also said it is part of the Public School System's goals for students to interact with other cultures.

"One of the wonderful things to learn about this is that it gives our Marine Biology Club groups to showcase what they have been learning through the coral watch program and is an example of project-based learning work," Staffler told



JAYSON CAMACHO

Students from the Izumi High School join Kagman High School and Saipan Southern High School yesterday morning at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village-Carolinian Utt beach for the first ever eco-cultural exchange program.

Saipan Tribune.

She said the activity supports PSS' goals of having students who are career- and college-ready by enabling them to go out and actually apply what they have learned.

"What we are doing is an

application into the real world of the kinds of things we have been teaching our kids about environmental awareness and environmental literacy," she said.

Izumi High School principal Katsuaki Kawai said the tree planting was not only about

cleaning the environment but also an intercultural way to enhance mutual understanding. Kawai said the CNMI shares a very deep history with Japan and the students are here to interact with their CNMI peers.

Izumi High students Otani

Ryo, 16, Morita Yuuto, 17, Hattori Masaki, 16, and Otonashi Masahiro, 17, told *Saipan Tribune* that they are learning a lot and are pleased to mingle and be friends with high school students here on Saipan.

SSHS student Keoni Borja,

17, said this was his first time to experience the exchange program and it has allowed him to meet many of the Japanese students. He enjoyed the experience so much he wants to do it again next year.

A plaque to commemorate the event was also installed on a tree.

After lunch, the Japanese students made their way to the Fiesta Resort and Spa to learn about the preservation and protection of marine life.

These students will be leaving for Managaha Island today, Thursday, to look at corals, collect medicinal herbs, build sandcastles, and hand out flyers to tourist about how to protect the island's delicate ecosystem.

The students will then have an outing and cultural exchange activities tomorrow, Friday, at Fiesta Resort and Spa with the Saipan Mayor's Office and Marianas Visitors Authority.

The students will leave Saipan Saturday afternoon.

MVA provided water, trash bags, ice and gloves for yesterday's event, the Saipan Mayor's Office provided tents, chairs, and a portable restroom, and the Carolinian Affairs Office provided the venue. Others present to promote environmental awareness were the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, CNMI Forestry, and Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW/FHWA-15-IFB-002

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 30 (CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD), PHASE II, PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0030 (011), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 30 (Chalan Pale Arnold Road), Phase II, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after October 16, 2014 at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Highway Section.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m.** local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 12, 2014** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 p.m. to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-15-IFB-002"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 21, 2014**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 21, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 21, 2014** and must be received no later than **December 3, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 4, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **November 21, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section **70-30-3245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply



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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

2015-CDA-001-RFQ

ADA Compliance and Retrofit of the CDA Building, Oleai

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed statement of qualification for the **ADA Compliance and Retrofit of the CDA Building, Oleai**, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with 70-30.3-305 of the regulation.

Prior to being awarded a contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Request for Proposal and Scope of Work is available on or after October 16, 2014 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan.

A **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference** is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Commonwealth Development Authority Conference Room on October 31, 2014. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 2:30 p.m. local time **November 07, 2014**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only sub-consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different primary consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Qualifications and Experience - 40%**
- 2. Organization and Capacity - 35%**
- 3. Response to Request For Qualification (RFQ) - 25%**
- 4. Fee Proposal**

Sealed proposals must be marked **"2015-CDA-001-RFQ"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, November 14, 2014 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 14, 2014**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 14, 2014** and must be received no later than **November 26, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFQ should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director, CDA

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Public's help sought to abate pollution in Tanapag watershed

By **DENNIS B. CHAN**
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REPORTER

The protection of the Achugao Watershed requires the help of the local community as some of the sources of pollution and contamination of streams come from livestock or piggeries in the area, according Bureau of Environmental Quality special assistant Jenny Salas.

A Tanapag Assistance Forum was held last month to help low-

income families with application forms that will give them access to utilities, sewer, and energy efficient appliances, and home improvements to prevent pollution to Tanapag streams and lagoon.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Achugao Watershed is divided into two-sub catchments that are drained by three streams. Potential pollution sources are outhouses, illegal

dumping, piggeries, urban runoff, and livestock grazing.

The EPA has awarded over \$4 million to the Commonwealth for environmental protection, according to an EPA statement in August. One of the projects funded is the protection of the Achugao Watershed.

Sediment monitoring for toxics and heavy metals for two of the Achugao Watershed streams are the other operations funded,

according to the statement.

The most recent grant of \$892,000 in August supplements an earlier award of \$3.16 million this year, EPA said.

NEW COP

Congratulations to Craig Peter Calvo for graduating from Police Training on Oct. 10, 2014, at the Government House in Guam and congratulations on all your achievements. We wish you the best of luck in your new job and may the Lord guide you every step of the way. We are so proud of you and we love you, Officer Calvo! With love and kisses from your wife Tinie, daughter Esper, and most especially the Chungi family.

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Docomo Pacific to carry Apple iPhone 6

Docomo Pacific announced yesterday it will offer iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, the biggest advancements in iPhone history, beginning on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. Customers can pre-order the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus beginning on Friday, Oct. 24, at www.docomopacific.com.

Docomo Pacific is a subsidiary of Japan's largest mobile service provider NTT Docomo and is committed to serve as the Marianas Islands most innovative telecommunications provider. Docomo Pacific offers cable TV, Guam's No. 1 4G LTE mobile network, high-speed Internet and home phone services. Their latest product, Fusion, offers customers maximum value when they bundle

all four services.

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como Pacific, visit www.docomopacific.com. For more information on the iPhone, visit: www.apple.com/iphone. (**Docomo**)



The iPhone 6, left, and iPhone 6 Plus will soon be available to Docomo Pacific customers beginning Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

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Notice Of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, October 30th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of September 18th, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

B. Public Hearings

1. Conditional Use Application #2014-3443: Dongbei S. Inc. dba Diamond Water is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse facility on Lot 1877-3-I-R1 in Gualo Rai for water bottling operation. This use is classified as "Manufacturing and Processing" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is the former location of Elite Printing, southeast of Marpac, and is zoned as Village Commercial.
2. Conditional Use Application #2014-3151: HPIL Limited dba (Honest Profit) is proposing to construct and operate a hotel and villa resort complex with 300 rooms and other hotel amenities including restaurants, duty free shop, commercial/ retail space, health & fitness club, private clinic, sports facilities, bars, and banquet rooms on Public Land lot# 004 I 52. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located near the San Antonio Elementary School in San Antonio, and is zoned as Tourist Resort.

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business.

1. None

E. New Business

1. Office Operations Report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogunoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

HPIL Limited (Honest Profit)

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. HPIL Limited dba (Honest Profit) is proposing to construct and operate a hotel and villa resort complex with 300 rooms and other hotel amenities including restaurants, duty free shop, commercial/ retail space, health & fitness club, private clinic, sports facilities, bars, and banquet rooms on Public Land lot# 004 I 52. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located near the San Antonio Elementary School in San Antonio, and is zoned as Tourist Resort.

Date: October 30th, 2014, Thursday

Time: 5:00 pm

**Place: Zoning Board Conference Room,
2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan**

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, October 29th, 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Diamond Water Company

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Dongbei S. Inc. dba Diamond Water Co. is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse facility on Lot 1877-3-I-R1 in Gualo Rai for water bottling operation. This use is classified as "Manufacturing and Processing" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is the former location of Elite Printing, southeast of Marpac, and is zoned as Village Commercial.

Date: October 30th, 2014, Thursday

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2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan**

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, October 29th, 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

»Hundreds witness first ordination in the past seven years

James Balajadia was ordained a deacon last Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. The diaconate ordination was witnessed by local and Guam church officials, family and friends, and hundreds of community members.

The ordination was conferred by the imposition of hands and the prayer of ordination by Archbishop Anthony Apuron of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Agaña, Guam.

"This is one more vocation coming from this diocese and I am happy to be a part of it," Apuron told *Saipan Tribune*. "I am sure the people have worked hard and helped him along the way. I believe that Balajadia will be of good service to the people of Saipan."

Balajadia was welcomed to the Holy Order as a transitional deacon after promising to respect and obey the rules of his ordination. After prostrating himself and promising obedience, hundreds of community members in attendance applauded as Balajadia was presented his deacon's stole and dalmatic.

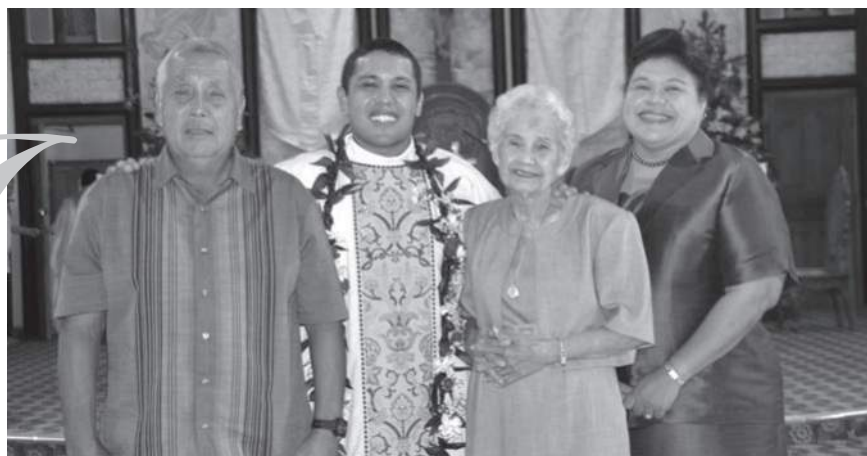
In his remarks, Balajadia expressed gratitude to his friends and family for guiding him through his seven-year journey in the seminary.

"The real works now begins," he said. "Rejoicing in God is our strength and today we rejoice in the Lord God and no one else. With a joyful heart I give thanks to God for his grace and providence for the past seven years of my life."

The newly vested deacon urged the community to think about why the islands haven't had a local ordination in the past decade.

He said, "The good Lord, the master of the harvest, continues to call people for service to our local church. Let us pray and work to foster more vocations this year so that more young people hear the Lord's call and answer Him."

Balajadia is ordained a deacon



From left, James' father, Victor Balajadia, Deacon James Balajadia, his grandmother Virginia Balajadia, and mother Elizabeth Balajadia pose for a photo after Saturday's diaconate ordination.



James Balajadia prostrates himself at the altar as local and Guam clergy kneel.



Newly ordained deacon James Balajadia poses for a photo with local and Guam clergy after his ordination Saturday morning at Mt. Carmel Cathedral parish.

He added, "I offer each and everyone of you my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me as I begin this new life of service to the Lord and His people."

Balajadia, a 2007 alumnus of Mount Carmel School, completed his graduate studies and formation to the priesthood at the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome after transferring from Mount Angel Seminary in the fall of 2012, where he double majored in Philosophy and Literature.

In preparation for his ordination, Balajadia took part in a one-week retreat in Mount Angel Seminary in Portland, Oregon. The Saipan native has also been assisting in local Mass services and co-teaching theology classes at his alma mater.

The last ordination in the CNMI took place seven years ago when Fr. Jesse Reyes was ordained a priest. Reyes said that Saturday's event "means a lot to me and the church." He said the church is in dire need of local clergy to preach the good news.

Balajadia's ordination was followed by a reception at the Joeten-Daidai Social Hall.

There, government officials, local clergy, and Guam clergy congratulated the seminarian for another milestone in his life.

His mother, Elizabeth, said that she and her husband, Victor, are proud to support their son in his vocation to the priesthood.

"We need to learn that our kids have different interests and even if we wanted him to be a doctor,

this is what he truly desires," she said. "The struggle that we faced when he left to be in the seminary right after high school was to try not to pressure him. We always supported him and reminded him that this was his calling."

After seeing her son ordained a deacon, Elizabeth said she was "happy to see the people support him." She added, "We thank them for that they have done throughout the year and for their prayers as well."

Mount Carmel School social studies teacher Rosiky Camacho taught Balajadia during his high school years. Camacho said "it is more than joy" that he feels for his former student.

"He is a really worthy and respectful person," he said.

Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider described the ordination as a "remarkable event for the CNMI community." He explained that the islands experienced a long pause in vocations to the priesthood before Balajadia. "It has been awhile but I must say that I hope that there are young men out there hoping

to follow his footsteps and become servers of God," he said.

As a transitional deacon, Balajadia will be able to aid the bishop in worship, charity and pastoral preaching. He will also be able to baptize people, conduct funerals, and officiate marriages.

Balajadia is expected to be ordained a priest in December.

Opposition to case reassignment denied

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has denied the Office of the Public Defender's opposition to having him handle the case of Allan Apatang Taitano, a former Rota liaison employee who is facing charges of attempting to sexually assault his then-21-year-old godson.

Camacho cited Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja's order on Wednesday, reassigning Taitano's case to Camacho due to Associate Judge David A. Wiseman's recusal.

Camacho also cited Wiseman's recusal due to off-island training during the same week as the trial.

The judge noted that Wiseman's recusal was also faxed to Office of the Public Defender.

Taitano's trial will proceed on Oct. 27, 2014.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, counsel for the 44-year-old Taitano, said Cama-

cho issued an order on Tuesday, setting the case for a status conference.

Hartig said Camacho's order states that the case had been reassigned to him.

In his opposition to case reassignment, Hartig said the only person with the authority to reassign a case is the presiding judge. Hartig said the order does not indicate that Naraja reassigned the case, nor is there an order of reassignment, nor any reason given.

Hartig requested that the case be reassigned back to Wiseman.

Police arrested Taitano in April 2013 in Dandan for allegedly attempting to sexually assault his godson inside a vehicle in an open field in As Lito. The victim allegedly managed to run away and hide in the jungle for several hours.

Taitano pleaded not guilty. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



Fr. Isaac Ayuyu and Deacon James Balajadia.



James Balajadia, left, poses for a photo with his former Mount Carmel School teacher Rosiky Camacho.

Photos by THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Inaugural ukulele festival a resounding success

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

From veteran masters playing oldies to young children playing pop songs, the first ever Marianas Ukulele Festival last Saturday was a resounding success.

With non-stop entertainment that lasted from 12pm to 5pm, hundreds attended the event at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village-Carolinian Utt in Garapan to listen to the music and marvel at the technical skills displayed by the performers.

According to Marianas Ukulele Festival Association or-

» Yuki to join next year with more of his group

ganizer Gordon Marciano, the event was a first ever in Micronesia.

"It was hot and we thought there wouldn't be any people coming to attend the event but we were surprised to see a lot of the community members supporting our very own ukulele players," Marciano told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

MUFA organizer Larry Lee



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The Saipan Community School Ukulele Band performs at the inaugural Marianas Ukulele Festival, with Tami Winkfield directing.

said there were hundreds of performers that day, including a large group of over 50 students playing ukuleles on stage and several solo performances.

"It's amazing that so many

talented musicians came out to share their music. We are so grateful for all the support we received from local businesses, individuals and agencies and all the volunteers and

entertainers," Lee said.

The festival was highlighted by the performance of international ukulele champion Yuki Uchiumi. Popularly known as "JazzoomCafe," he is Japan's

most established technical ukulele player. He was joined by one of his colleagues, Yusuke Saito, during his performance.

"We want to thank Uchiumi and Saito from Japan for boost-



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Felix Fitial, Joe Limes, and Lino Olopai perform at the inaugural Marianas Ukulele Festival last Saturday at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village-Carolinian Utt in Garapan.



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International ukulele champion Yuki Uchiumi has his picture with some of the kids that participated in the inaugural Marianas Ukulele Festival last Saturday at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village-Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

**Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP15-OPA-002
 SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"FINANCIAL AUDITS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND (NMIRF) AND GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND (GHLITF), AS COMPONENT UNITS OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014"

The audit guidelines and specifications may be picked up at the Public Auditor's Main Office at 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Ross Zapanta, Analyst Manager, at telephone numbers (670) 322-6481/2 or by facsimile to (670) 322-7812.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

/s/ MICHAEL PAI, CPA
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 14-002
NMC Air-Conditioning Project

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and installation of high efficiency air-conditioning units for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, September 15, 2014 between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m., As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection for interested person, firms and corporation will be held on September 24, 2014 at 9:00am, NMC Procurement Management Office, Bldg L, 2nd floor, conference room.

This procurement is 100% Federally Funded made available from the Office of Insular Affairs, Empowering Insular Communities Program.

In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., October 16, 2014, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ David J. Attao
Dean of Administration and
Resource Development

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ing our festival to an international level," Lee said.

Marciano said that Uchiumi will be joining next year's event and will try to bring in some of his group members.

Ukuleles were also given out during the raffle; the lucky beneficiaries were Ed Villagomez, Nicolas Sablan, and Frances Demapan.

The festival's founders believe the event focused the eyes of the international ukulele community on the CNMI, with thousands of people now aware of the festival.

Marciano and Lee said the festival can now be seen on YouTube channel titled "Marianas Ukulele Festival."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

LPP MORTGAGE, LTD.,
Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 13-0202

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ANICETO B. MENDIOLA,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on September 2, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant Aniceto B. Mendiola, in and to the following real property located at Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands: LOT NO. 008 T 043 (COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT NO. 008 T 043, TINIAN, MP 96952), containing an area of 868 meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, and filed on January 19, 1988 with the office of the Commonwealth Recorder as file no. 88-161.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on October 24, 2014, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.
a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.
c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.
a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval. Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified when court approval is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.
DATED, this 15th day of September, 2014:

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

Opinion

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America's biggest crisis is lack of confidence

After the disappointments of the Bush years and the Obama years, many Americans aren't sure where next to turn. Faith in Congress has collapsed. Faith in bureaucrats is nonexistent. Yet, the crises keep on coming.

In a new Associated Press-GfK poll, more than half of respondents agreed that "Washington can do little to effectively lessen threats such as climate change, mass shootings, racial tensions, economic uncertainty and an unstable job market."

And that's before the Ebola crisis hit.

The biggest crisis of all, however, is one that politicians and policymakers have had the least success in remedying: our national crisis of confidence.

It's easy to mistake our shaken confidence for the kind of "malaise" that Jimmy Carter was mocked for bemoaning. And pundits and officeholders can get a lot of airtime blaming America's misfortunes on an attitude problem, calling us—or those who disagree with them—little more than "a nation of whiners."

Whenever populists stand up and blame the elites who run the show, however, they're slammed as dangerous demagogues who aren't "solutions-oriented."

Why the impasse? On the one hand, Americans have lost confidence in the power of government to solve our largest problems. On the other, they've lost confidence in the idea that there's anything more powerful than government. If we can't count on Washington to control the malevolent forces that dwarf us all, what—or who—can we count on?

A rhetorical question like that can send us into pretty fatalistic territory. Rather than seeing our challenges as evil or even bad, we can chalk them up to mere fate. Joe Teasdale, a 59-year-old assistant engineer at a Wisconsin casino, summed up the view in his response to the AP. "I think what we've got going on here in America is the perfect storm of not-good things," he said.

If we want to recover the feeling that we control our own destiny, that view can hurt or help us. If we start to think we're inevitably doomed by an unfeeling universe, or by our inherent human folly, we'll view bad government with the same resignation—and actually seal our fate.

If, on the other hand, we accept the idea that bad things happen in the course of things, and that it's ultimately on us to prevail, we can start finding small ways to take charge that might quickly add up.

In "Democracy in America," written about 180 years ago, Alexis de Tocqueville thought that was our best hope for a free future. By forming associations among friends and neighbors, we can start creating areas of reliable order in our lives. The closer that kind of order is to our homes and neighborhoods, the more confidently we can project it outward.

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What makes Pope Francis' Extraordinary Synod so extraordinary?

Speculation abounds about what earthshaking changes might come out of the Roman Catholic Church's Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family now underway in Rome: Will the bishops change the church's approach to divorced and remarried Catholics and somehow readmit them to Communion? Will they discuss the worldwide survey that found that most Catholics do not accept the church's ban on birth control, and if so, will they modify that ban? Will the bishops react to the impression that the church speaks in a way that is unnecessarily condemnatory of same-sex attraction and find a way to be more welcoming to our gay brothers and sisters?

In fact, those questions miss the point, at least for now. This meeting is preliminary. It only starts a process that is meant to continue through the Ordinary Synod of Bishops, scheduled for 2015. ("Synod" means "coming together" in Greek.)

But that does not mean that the meeting that began Oct. 5 won't shake things up in an important way. It already has, by signaling a break in the strictly top-down rule of modern Catholicism, as Pope Francis reaches out to the wider church.

For most of its history, the Roman Catholic Church clarified its teachings at regional (synodal) or worldwide (ecumenical) meetings of bishops. It was primarily "conciliar," its teachings expounded by councils, not by a centralized papal bureaucracy.

This was true from the very start of Christianity, when the apostles met in Jerusalem to decide whether those who professed faith in Christ also had to accept the practices of the Jewish faith, such as restrictions on food and circumcision—that last a difficult proposition for adult male converts. Paul reports on this meeting in Galatians 2:1-10, and Luke describes it in Acts 15:1-22. (The outcome? Jewish law would be respected but not required.)

From Nicea in 325 to Trent in 1545, the church held 19 ecumenical councils. But since Trent, there have been just two: Vatican I in 1869 and Vatican II in 1962, as authority in the church coalesced in the papacy and its bureaucracy, the Roman Curia, a trend that intensified after Vatican I established the doctrine of papal infallibility.

Then, in the 1960s, John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. The bishops who were present in the nave of St. Peter's so strongly felt God's presence, the Holy Spirit, guiding the church through the gathering that they wanted to see such meetings continue. They knew full ecumenical councils would be too large, cumbersome and expensive to hold on a regular basis, so

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they proposed a sort of mini-council made up of elected bishops to help guide the church.

Unfortunately, when Pope Paul VI created the Synod of Bishops in 1965, he kept for himself the right to call its meetings, to appoint members in addition to those chosen by the bishops, to decide its agenda and to write up its results. The synod was not so much a teaching event in its own right as an adjunct of the papacy.

And a dreadfully dull adjunct at that. There have been 25 meetings between 1965 and 2014, and anyone who was at the synods convened by Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI can tell you that most were stage-managed affairs in which the opinions of the bishops in attendance were never really sought.

But when Francis' Extraordinary Synod opened last week, much was different. He commissioned the survey of the faithful in 2013 to establish the topics the bishops would discuss. Such grassroots input into a synod was unheard of.

And then Francis made his welcoming remarks at a lunch on Monday. He told the bishops to say forthrightly what was on their minds: "You have to say all that which in the Lord you feel you have to say; without human respect, without timidity. And, at the same time, you must listen with humility and accept with an open heart what your brothers say. Synodality is exercised with these two attitudes."

Such an approach returns the church to its ancient roots, in which the world's bishops are again meaningful participants in establishing church teachings. It portends, over time, real movement on the searching questions of remarriage after divorce, birth control and acceptance of gay people.

But make no mistake; the biggest change has already occurred: A modern pope has told the bishops, and the world, that he trusts them to sense the Holy Spirit and to say what they hear the Spirit whispering—no matter where it leads.

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Guaha siha man-pipinu` na chetnot tat kumu Ebola, bird flu yan SARS ni debi ta adahe hit. Rason pot taya` amot para este siha na chetnot. Taya` siña machogue fuerake para u makuarentena i malañgu gi hilu` esperansa na homlu`. Na fan gef talaña hamyu gi haf` masusesede pot este siha na chetnot.

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I midision i tautau taigue gi hafa guinahaña soluke kuantu gineftauña. Ya solu manera `nai siña mana`ye pusuelumu mas fina` gimen `an esta tai sinahguan. Pues apprubecha man-ayuda ya umata`lon siniye pusuelumu lamegai na biahe. Na geftau hau gi numesessita ayudu!

Tatnai in` repara na `nai katma i hanom kontodu hagu mismu siña un` li`e maisa hau? Na`e animu muna` katma hinassomu. Ekuñog silensium ennau na katma ya un` sedi umesgaihon todú planumu sa` mas klaru gi halom katma. Na`e animu gumu`ot sensian katma gi maseha hafa na estrakada.

Antes de un` fañgondena, na tunas maisa finenina iyomu rula sa` siempre un` li`e hechuran haf` gaige gi sanhiyuñg. I bittun pinasensia sumen presisu pot todú hit man-tautau. Mas nina`e hau kampu yan antau na inadahe kontra i prohimumu. Na metgot amistamu (relasion) yan maseha haye!

Hafa satbasion homhum na kuattu? Na fañila` i kandet! Poresu, muñga mahassu mas pot problema. Atan haf` na satbasion guaha!

Pinadesen Tautau-ta

Kasse sais años tatte guaha mas ke tres mit (3,000) na tautau-ta kumaikai` siha ya man-hanau para Guam, Hawaii yan sanlagu.

Masiente yan mali`e haf- mamamaila` `nai appenas appottunibat niha man-la`la` disientemiente yan familian niha. Poresu na ensegidas mamueba siha para otro pastu `nai mauleg appottunibat para famagu`on niha.

Gaige ha` gi tatten hinasson niha na i lugat `nai mangaige siha “lugat” pot nesessidat. I tanu` niha guine gi O`Perlas iya Pasifiku i “gima”. Hu tuñgu` ha` na megai sessu man-mahalañg ni hagas

chalan I gima`.

Ginen alaihai lokue` hu huñgog pot familia siha ni man-maliñgu gima` ni pot chinile` ni bañku. Kasse finañagu este `nai ni unu gi dos umasagua gai che`chu` ya ti siña esta ma-apase obligasion apas gima` familia. Makat na chinatsaga este gi maseha haye na familia. Debi ta husga haf` taimanu `nai siña ta ayuda este siha na mañelu-ta.

Malalagu un` amiguhu para offisinan publiku. Hu atan pusturaña yan minakatña. Kasse gaige gi 380 libra i prohimu. Ilegña si Magoo, “Ni hegsu` As Litu` ennau ti u fatinas!” A` Saina!

Ilegña i otro amiguhu na bonitun kanta tinige`ña ni sumen na mahalañg. Hu faisen pot hafa i sunidu, ilegña pot i ginen asaguaña. Era magacha` yan si gayega ya madibutsia. Lau gi kanta guiya masague. Dios mihu! Esta tutuhu` lago`ña lau guiya umisau! Dimoñu!

Este usun palabra guaha na ti umafagcha` usuña yan haf` ma-intended. Debi un` tuñgu` haye un` fafana`. Gi man-amku`, cha`mu fafaisen si pop haf` tatatmanu i “hagata”. Insuttu i kwestion ya siempre linapbla hau, “Kau sumaunau hau man-liles”. Mauleg un` pesa usun palabra gi haye un` fafana`.

Kinalamten Bisnis

Huna` sesetbe bisnis reda gi fihon-hu kumu hagian medision kinalamten ekonomian Marianas. Esta hihot para u huchumgue` i prohimu bisnesña. Mampos na biahe appenas tautau numesessita ayudu pot areglon reda.

Magahet na todú ha utut-gue` kontodu usun kandet `an pueñge. Guiya mismu lumi`e i dañkulu na poduñg bisnis guine. Sige chaka chaleña `nai hu sañgane para u tohne i teteñnan na bisnis siha. Makat na mattiru!

Ha toma padiset-yu` amiguhu Magoo na gai interes-gue` bumisnis guihan. Matachoñg ham in` atan haf` ha guiguife.

Hu esplika hafa siha debi u ketuñgu` pot este na klasen bisnis. Ha inklulusu umayau salape` para fahan boti, makina yan trastes peska. Debi u atan haye siha man-gaige na fina` kompitensia ni man-bibisnis guihan pa`gu. Kau haf` mas na setbisu para u ofrese fuera de man-bendin guihan.

Gai guinagan na planun bisnis ya kasse i mas ya hulululu` i kau listi-gue` macho`chu diariu gi halom somnag yan napu pot para u assiste bisnesña. Ti peskadot i amiguhu! Kesabes-gue` man-du-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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lalag kachu` gi chagu`. Dinanche`ña umenañgga gi tanu` ke para u atrebigue` disgrasia.

Dos tres dias dispues ilegña na po`lu dialu. Magahet na makat na cho`chu` yan obligasion apas dibi siha. Hu rekomenda na kasse dinancheña `an ha sumai mañggan gada ya u bende gi fina tenda siha.

Yuus si Jesukristo?

La te`ug este na asunto pot i Sainata as Jesukristu. Era hu totpe tinige` man-famosu siha na man-ma`gas relihion yan nasion ni kumustiona kau Yuus i Saina.

Todu man-famosu man-maliñgu gi pahinan leblu pot siha dispues de man-matai. Si Jekristu (dispues de dos mit años) mas ma`lag na`aña gi hechuran Santa Biblia.

Mampos nina` fan matman haf` taimanu na guaha ha` siha man-tomtum, estudiau yan piluñg na professot siha yan man-famosu na man-ma`gas relihion. Lau taya` gumu`ut attension i tautau solu si Jesukristu. Taya` tinateña solu guiya na maisa. Ni ti mañgge` leblu ni todú tumatiye gi enteru elmundu. Tumachu gi haf` tinagu` Yuus Tata.

Nina` fan matman sa` i palabraña siha ti siña ma-dibate. I milagru siha ni ha chogue deste hana` la`la` i matai, maguñg un` lasarinu, katma i tasi yan hana` huyuñg kantidan pan, guihan yan gimen para mas ke siñku mit na tautau yan otro siha milagru ni unu muna` siña. Tat finaisen-hu tiha na`eyu`. Hafa mas ke este na bendision?

I lugat siha ni hafatoigue pot para u famana`gue ni tinagu` Yuus Tata man-sen chagu`. I mas hihot ennau i sientu miyas. Mamokat sin ditension. Ni unabes `nai ma`udai gi fina` sahyantat kumu karetan guaka pat kareton kabayu. Mamokat ha`ane yan pueñge para u komple tinagu` tataña. Magahet na gi todú finaposta i linala`ta un` sumen anaku` na karera pot ineyag hinimidde. I hinimidde gaige gi halom balutan integredat—unestu!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Electoral issues that need to be resolved

Dear Mr. Robert A. Guerrero: I am writing to you to express my concerns as to a number of issues that arose in the previous General Election. It is my hope that highlighting these issues will raise awareness and result in a fair election in accordance with CNMI law.

The most common complaints brought to my attention concern absentee voters. To begin with, failures in absentee voter procedures left many of our residents unable to participate. Up to 25 days before election, an absentee voter can apply for an absentee ballot by mail, fax, or other approved electronic means. When some of these voters contacted your office for an application, they were told that they “were not in the system” and no application was sent. However, if a voter comes to a polling place to vote on election day they can still cast a provisional ballot even if their name does not appear on the registered voter list. Rather than unilaterally denying these absentee voters their chance to vote, consider allowing them to submit their application and ballot. Once received, the Commission inspects the application and if it is determined that the voter is ineligible to vote, the discrepancy is verified by multiple Commission members before being rejected.

Even more fundamental is the limited time period absentee voters are given to submit their ballots. The election law requires that the Commission establish a mailbox in each senatorial district where absentee voters may cast and deliver their ballot. However, the Commission does not have to establish these mailboxes until seven days before the absentee voters are due. It takes about 10 days for a piece of mail to reach the CNMI from the mainland. In the past, many absentee ballots were rejected for not being received by the Commission on election day. Please consider establishing these mailbox well in advance of election day so that the absentee voters have a chance to make their vote count.

Additionally, the Commission is required to compile and keep immediately current a list of people requesting an absentee ballot, as well as a list of people to whom an absentee ballot was delivered. These lists must be updated no later than 48 hours after the

receipt of new information. Also, these list must be available for public inspection at (1) one government building in each senatorial district which maintains regular business hours; and (2) on a website accessible without requiring user registration or the use of a password. The Commission’s website does have an absentee listing page; however, a complete list is not available. Rather, the public must search by individual name. The phrase “no matching records found” is the result from time to time, prompting my recommendation that technical support monitor this site diligently to ensure its ongoing viability. Additionally, there is no mention of which government buildings have these lists available for inspection. Please make these lists available on the Commission website and let the public know which government buildings have these lists available.

The method for collecting absentee ballots is very specific. No less than two people, one of whom is designated by the Commission Chairperson and the other of whom is designated by the Executive Director, shall go to the designated post office in each senatorial district to collect absentee ballots contained in the post office box once in the morning prior to 11am and once prior to the closure of the post office on the day of the election. This procedure creates a check and balance to ensure that all absentee ballots are received by the Commission on election day. Please continue to follow this procedure so that our absentee voters have their voices heard.

Finally, there were allegations that eligible voter lists were not properly posted during the last general election. Within 15 days of the election, the Commission must post a list of all eligible voters at the office of the Commission and Mayors for examination by the public. Posting this list ensures that the public is able to inspect the names of all eligible voters.

The Commission has a very important mandate of providing fair and impartial treatment to all qualified voters and ensuring the orderly, transparent and efficient conduct of elections in the Commonwealth. It is my sincere hope that in this election all of the elector voices are heard.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Juan S. Tenorio
Treasurer, Committee to Elect Hofschneider and Yumul

Learning the hard way

When something is in need of repair, I do what I can to fix it. Some things just don’t come with a manual these days. If I give up too easily, then I fail myself without even trying. Determined to take on the challenge, I get to work. In most cases, when I put something together again, there is always that one screw left. Satisfied that I did my very best, I didn’t care much about that one screw. Of course, in due time it will meet its fate.

My father, Jesus Dela Cruz Cabrera, known to most as Jesus-Kangkang, Jesus Potu or Chumbai, taught me a lot. He does not like complaints nor likes it when people give up too easily. He expects a lot just like any father would. I guess that’s the way it is if the person knows hard work and is 74 years young! When he tasked me on a project and I screw up on purpose, he gives me this gesture as if he will hit me. I think it’s funny teasing but I learned that you can take any challenge if you put your mind to it. Thanks, pop, for having me learn the hard way. So, in these trying times, stay positive and don’t ever doubt yourself. Explore the possibilities.

Vince Go Cabrera
Precinct 1 candidate
House of Representatives






ERRATUM

The letter titled “Vote buying on Rota” that was published in the Oct. 15, 2014, edition of the *Saipan Tribune* inadvertently attributed it to Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota). The letter was actually from the Rota Republican Party candidates for the 2014 General Election. Our apologies for the error.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼78
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼81

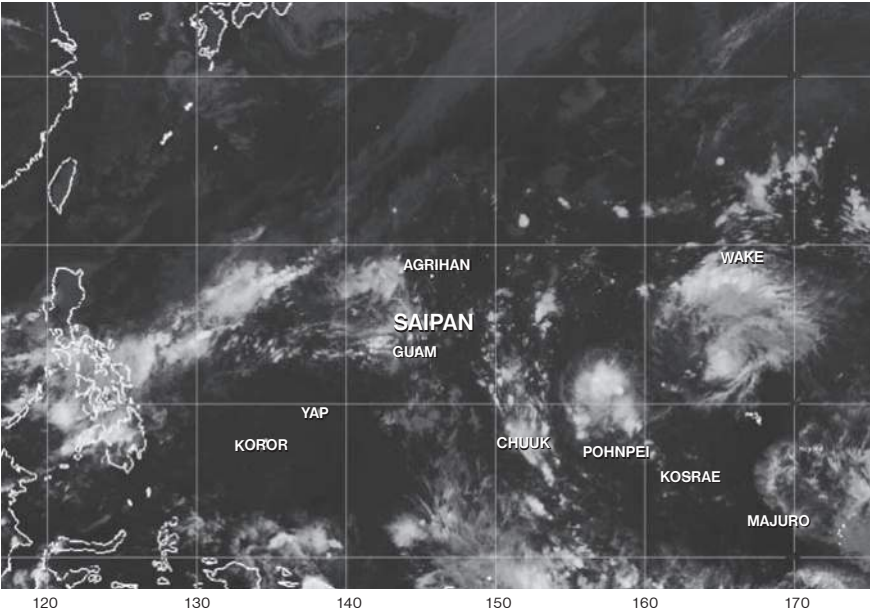
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲69 ▼43
Hong Kong	Showers	▲81 ▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼59
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼74
Melbourne	Rain	▲61 ▼44
Miami	Sunny	▲85 ▼68
New York	Thunderstorms	▲68 ▼57
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲68 ▼54
Paris	Showers	▲68 ▼57
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼50
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼65
Salem	Showers	▲62 ▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼54
Seoul	Sunny	▲63 ▼44
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼55
Washington, DC	Showers	▲69 ▼55

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
8:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
4:01 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet	
9:52 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Surface troughs are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in three main areas. One area near the Mariana Islands is between 20N and 13N from 140E to 145E. The second area farther south is within 150 miles of a line from 10N145E to EQ150E. A third area northwest of Yap is within 100 miles of a line from 19N136E to 15N130E. A disturbance just north of Pohnpei is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 100 miles of 10N158E. A weak circulation northwest of Kwajalein is centered near 13N164E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between Kwajalein and Wake Island are between 17N and 12N from 162E to 170E. A second weak circulation is centered southeast of Majuro at 4N179E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are between 6N and the equator to the east of 170E. A shear line just north of Wake Island is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 25N and 21N from 160E to 170E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Monday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:44 PM
Friday	12:33 AM	1:27 PM
Saturday	1:21 AM	2:08 PM
Sunday	2:09 AM	2:47 PM
Monday	2:56 AM	3:26 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm 2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm 3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
QZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm 5, 7
QZ606	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm Daily
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm 5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am 4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am 1, 5	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am 2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
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DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1 via ICN
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm 3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1 3 via GUM
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9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
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Business

Facebook, Apple pay for egg freezing, sperm donors

NEW YORK (AP)—Free lunches, dry cleaning, massages—frozen eggs?

Silicon Valley's biggest companies have long offered cushy perks to attract top talent and keep workers happy logging scores of hours on the job. But beyond day-to-day luxuries, Facebook and Apple will now give up to \$20,000 in benefits to help employees pay for infertility treatments, sperm donors and even to freeze their eggs. The move comes amid stiff competition for skilled engineers, and as many of the biggest firms try to diversify their male-dominated ranks to include and appeal to more women.

"Anything that gives women more control over the timing of fertility is going to be helpful to professional women," said Shelley Correll, a sociology professor and director of the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University. "It potentially addresses the conflicts

between the biological clock and the clockwork of women's careers: The time that's most important in work, for getting your career established, often coincides with normal fertility time for women. This can potentially help resolve that by pushing women's fertility into the future."

Facebook this year started offering to reimburse workers for up to \$20,000 worth of reproductive-related costs, over the course of employment. Apple's similar perks will start next year. The companies' egg-freezing benefits were first reported by NBCNews.com on Tuesday.

Freezing eggs involves removing a woman's eggs and cooling them to subzero temperatures to preserve them for future use and stop the egg from changing and developing. Generally speaking, the viability of a woman's eggs can decline a bit at age 27 before taking a



steeper drop around age 34 or 35. The rate of women who had their first child between 40 and 44 has more than doubled in the past 20 years, according to

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As more women wait longer to have their first child, the number of women choosing to freeze their eggs has grown "exponentially," said Dr. Alan Copperman, a fertility specialist at Mount Sinai Hospital. They are also doing it at a younger

age, which means healthier and more viable eggs.

Freezing their eggs gives women an option to focus on their career or education first, the "leaning in" that Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg champions. But the procedure can cost upward of \$10,000, plus storage costs of

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In this Aug. 17, 2012 file photo, a Facebook worker waits for friends to arrive outside of Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

several hundred dollars a year. Later it costs another several thousand to thaw and fertilize the eggs and implant them in the womb.

The number of egg freezing patients at the New York University Fertility Center rose to about 400 this year from just five in 2005, said Dr. Nicole Noyes, a fertility specialist at the center. She said some big banks also are covering the procedure, and expects law firms to do the same if they want to keep good female employees.

Copperman thinks Apple and Facebook are ahead of the game in offering to cover the procedure, both as a recruitment and retention tool and from a public health perspective. He expects other companies to follow suit, "because it's the right thing to do and it's going to send a signal that women's health should be a priority."

Long-term jobless projects get \$170M in grants

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is announcing \$170 million in grants divided among 23 work projects across the country that aim to reduce the number of long-term unemployed Americans.

Administration officials said that while the number of workers who are jobless for more than 26 weeks has declined, it remains at a historic high and is a lingering blemish in the economic recovery. The concern is that the longer someone is out of a job, the harder it gets to find a new one.

Labor Secretary Tom Perez and National Economic Council director Jeff Zients announced the grant awards late Tuesday. The two officials and Vice President Joe Biden will

hold a round-table meeting with top corporate CEOs on Wednesday at the White House to discuss their efforts to meet commitments earlier this year to hire more long-term unemployed workers.

CEOs from companies like Apple, Walmart, Visa and Boeing were among more than 300 companies who agreed in January to step up efforts to target and prepare those workers for openings in their businesses.

Although the unemployment rate has declined to 5.9 percent, long-term joblessness in the U.S. is twice the historic high at 1.9 percent.

"There are still too many people who want to work who haven't been able to find a job for a long period of time,"

Zients said Tuesday.

Zients said many of the long-term unemployed share many of the same traits and skills as workers who have been out of jobs for a shorter period of time but are at a disadvantage simply because they have been jobless for a longer period of time.

"Too often the long-term unemployed haven't been given a chance to get back in the game," he said.

The grants range from \$3 million to \$10 million and went to programs that assist workers in 20 states and Puerto Rico.

In addition, the federal government is issuing guidance to federal agencies to give equal opportunities to potential federal workers who have been out of work for lengthy periods.

Costco to sell goods in China in deal with Alibaba

Costco Wholesale has struck a deal with a unit of Internet retail giant Alibaba Group to open an online store serving customers in mainland China, its first dip into that burgeoning market.

The Issaquah, Wash.-based warehouse club will sell its private label Kirkland Signature products and other items through Tmall Global, an Alibaba Group platform that allows foreign retailers to sell items to Chinese customers without setting up a physical

presence in China.

The unorthodox arrangement is an example of two trends at Costco: its slow but sure embrace of international operations, which now account for about a third of its business, and its tinkering with the promise of online growth.

At the company's conference calls, analysts often ask when the company, which has 10 warehouses in Taiwan, will open in mainland China. Executives respond that they are focusing on

first figuring out markets such as Spain and on waiting for the right opportunity.

The partnership with Tmall, which Alibaba says will quench Chinese shoppers' thirst for foreign brands, could be a good start. But it's quite different from its standard business model: An Alibaba spokeswoman said that shoppers using the service won't need a Costco membership. Costco relies on member fees for much of its profit. *(The Seattle Times)*

Zuckerberg to give \$25 million to fight Ebola

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced Tuesday that he and his wife, Priscilla, will give \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control Foundation to help fight Ebola.

Zuckerberg's announcement, posted on Facebook, came after the World Health Organization's warning that there could be up to 10,000 new cases of Ebola a week in

two months. According to the WHO, the Ebola death rate has also risen to 70 percent.

"The Ebola epidemic is at a critical turning point. It has infected 8,400 people so far, but it is spreading very quickly and projections suggest it could infect 1 million people or more over the next several months if not addressed," Zuckerberg wrote in his Facebook post.

Zuckerberg wrote that the \$25 million grant is "the quickest way to empower the CDC and the experts in this field to prevent this outcome." He said Ebola needs to get under control quickly so it doesn't "become a long-term global health crisis that we end up fighting for decades at large scale, like HIV or polio." *(Los Angeles Times)*

Google targets Amazon with new delivery service

Google wants a piece of Amazon's retail delivery business. On Tuesday, Google began offering consumers a subscription costing \$95 a year, or \$10 a month, to receive free same-day deliveries from a wide range of shops — similar to the \$99 Amazon Prime.

Retailers participating in Google Express include Costco, Target, Smart & Final, Barnes & Noble, Whole Foods and Toys R Us. The service is seen as a competitor to delivery subscriptions such as ShopRunner and Amazon Prime, and Google's prices and speed aim to undercut both of them.

To take advantage of the Google Express subscription,

consumers visit a Google website and select what they want from which stores. Orders must be \$15 or more before taxes; if they aren't, consumers are dinged a \$3 shipping fee.

The service is available in Chicago, Boston and Washington in addition to New York and the Bay Area, where overnight and alcohol deliveries are also available. In Los Angeles, the service is limited to the Westside.

People new to Google Express can try a subscription for three months or pay \$4.99 per shipment.

Other benefits of a subscription include being able to select delivery windows and sharing the membership with a family

member. It's unclear if Google will bundle access to music, movies and TV shows in the way that Amazon does for subscribers of its \$99-a-year Prime service for free two-day shipping.

Same-day shipping costs \$5.99 an order through Prime in select areas. Same-day shipping is free for people who upgrade to the \$299-a-year Amazon Prime Fresh program, which allows for grocery purchases. Non-subscribers pay at least \$8.99 a shipment, plus 99 cents an item for most items.

ShopRunner charges \$79 a year, or \$8.95 a month, for free two-day shipping from a wide batch of online stores. *(Los Angeles Times)*



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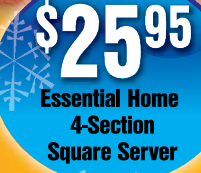
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Dallas nurses cite sloppy conditions in Ebola care

DALLAS (AP)—A Liberian Ebola patient was left in an open area of a Dallas emergency room for hours, and the nurses treating him worked for days without proper protective gear and faced constantly changing protocols, according to a statement released late Tuesday by the largest U.S. nurses' union.

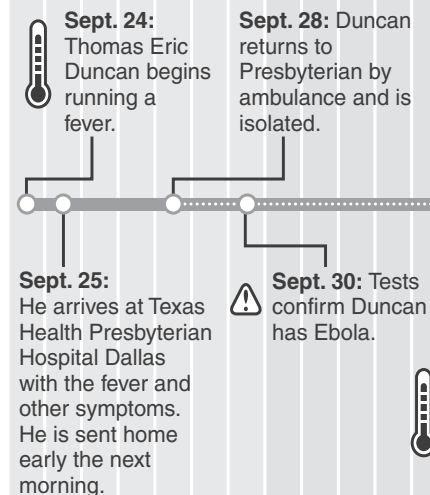
Nurses were forced to use medical tape to secure openings in their flimsy garments, worried that their necks and heads were exposed as they cared for a patient with explosive diarrhea and projectile vomiting, said Deborah Burger of National Nurses United.

Burger convened a conference call with reporters to relay what she said were concerns of nurses at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, where Thomas Eric Duncan—the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the U.S.—died last week.

RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of Nurses United, said the statement came from “several” and “a few” nurses, but she refused repeated inquiries to state how many. She said the organization had vetted the claims, and that the nurses cited were in a position

Timeline of patients

Thomas Eric Duncan



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to know what had occurred at the hospital. She refused to elaborate.

Among the nurses' allegations was that the Ebola patient's lab samples were allowed to travel through the hospital's pneumatic tubes, opening the possibility of contaminating the specimen delivery system. The nurses also alleged that hazardous waste was allowed to pile

up to the ceiling.

Duncan died Oct. 8, and the hospital said Sunday that one of his nurses had tested positive for Ebola. She is hospitalized and was listed Tuesday in good condition.

Wendell Watson, a Presbyterian spokesman, did not respond to specific claims by the nurses but said the hospital has not received similar complaints.

Prosecutors say dead babies were found clothed

UXBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—They were hidden away in closets just a few feet from where their siblings slept: the skeletal remains of three infants found in a squalid, vermin-infested house.

On Tuesday, a judge ordered a Massachusetts woman held on \$1 million cash bail after prosecutors said at least two of the babies may have been alive for “some period of time” before they were discovered. Prosecutors had asked for \$5 million bail and said Erika Murray could face more serious charges in a case that has repulsed residents of the small town of Blackstone.

Murray, 31, a resident of the town, had been held without bail since her arraignment last month on charges of fetal death concealment, witness intimidation and permitting substantial injury to a child.

The state Department of Children and Families removed four children ranging in age from 5 months to 13 years from Murray's home in August after her 10-year-old son asked a neighbor for help in quieting a crying baby. The neighbor found the youngest child—the 5-month-old girl—and a 3-year-old girl both covered

in their own feces, in separate bedrooms.

Friends and neighbors have said Murray appeared to hide the existence of the two youngest children. A prosecutor said in court Tuesday that the two children had never been outside.

After interviewing the 10-year-old and 13-year-old, police got a search warrant and went back to the house, where they found the skeletal remains of one baby with a full head of hair in a backpack in the closet of an upstairs bedroom.

After discovering those remains, police obtained another search warrant. During the second search, they found the remains of two other babies in another bedroom, also inside a closet. The two oldest children slept in the bedrooms.

Both bodies were found wearing diapers and one-piece infant outfits, Assistant District Attorney John Bradley said during a bail hearing for Murray in Uxbridge District Court.

Bradley said prosecutors still don't know how the babies died or their ages and are awaiting findings from the state medical examiner's office. He said the fact that two of the babies were clothed seems to indicate “at least two of the babies were

alive for some period of time” before they died.

Bradley said the charges against Murray could be upgraded, depending on the medical examiner's findings.

Raymond Rivera III, identified in court as her live-in boyfriend, has not been charged in connection with the remains found inside the house. A friend of Rivera's told The Boston Globe last month that Rivera was in “complete shock” when he learned he was the father of the two younger children.

Bradley said Murray's 13-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son told police that Murray instructed them to lie to their father, Rivera, and say Murray was babysitting for the two younger children.

He faces drug charges for allegedly growing marijuana in the basement, and appeared briefly in Uxbridge District Court on Tuesday. A judge told Rivera he needs to hire an attorney. Rivera quickly left the courthouse while reporters were questioning Murray's lawyer.

Bradley said Murray told police that Rivera was the father of all four of her children. Bradley did not address whether she said Rivera, who is also known as Ramon Rivera III in some public records, had also fathered the three infants whose remains were found in the closets.



Murray

Beachgoers form human chain to rescue swimmer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Beachgoers in Oregon pulled a struggling swimmer to shore by forming a human chain after she and seven others were stranded on a rocky outcropping during high tide.

Five people in the group remained on the rocks at Fogarty Creek State Park near Depoe Bay and were rescued one-by-one by a Coast Guard helicopter Saturday, but three opted to take their chances in the surf, according to witness Ray Felle.

Felle, of Portland, who recorded the drama on his phone, said the girl was separated from the two others in the water and struggling when the people on the beach stepped in.

“They worked together as

“review and respond to any concerns raised by our nurses and all employees.”

The nurses alleged that: ■ Duncan was kept in a non-isolated area of the emergency department for several hours, potentially exposing up to seven other patients to Ebola;

■ Patients who may have been exposed to Duncan were kept in isolation only for a day

“That’s the only message that I think should get out there: Pay attention to the tides,” he said.

“These people handled themselves very well in doing what they needed to do to save this girl. She would have died if they had not put their heads together and responded like they did,” he added.

The group had been running between high ground and the rock when high tide came in and trapped them, Felle said.

Felle said he had gone to the beach that day to teach his two young godchildren about ocean safety.

before being moved to areas where there were other patients;

■ Nurses treating Duncan were also caring for other patients in the hospital;

■ Preparation for Ebola at the hospital amounted to little more than an optional seminar for staff;

■ In the face of constantly shifting guidelines, nurses were allowed to follow whichever ones they chose.

“There was no advance preparedness on what to do with the patient, there was no protocol, there was no system,” Burger said.

Even today, Burger said, some hospital staff at the Dallas hospital do not have proper equipment to handle the outbreak.

“Hospital managers have assured nurses that proper equipment has been ordered but it has not arrived yet,” she said.

The nurses' statement said they had to “interact with Mr. Duncan with whatever protective equipment was available,” even as he produced “a lot of contagious fluids.” Duncan's medical records, which his family shared with The Associated Press, underscore some of those concerns.

The five who were rescued by the helicopter ranged in age from 18 to 30 years old, officials said.

Depoe Bay Fire Chief Joshua Williams said the struggling swimmer regained consciousness when rescuers arrived and was transported to a local hospital. Williams said the incoming tide would have swept the people off the rocks within a half hour.

The dramatic rescue comes just days after the Coast Guard announced it would close the helicopter station in Newport—the same station where the rescue helicopter came from. The station is about 15 miles north of the Fogarty Creek rocks.

Alaska's 1st known gay marriage in Arctic town

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A remote outpost on Alaska's Arctic Coast where people are used to doing their own thing has applied that independent streak to gay marriage.

A magistrate in Barrow, Alaska—the nation's northernmost community, and one that cannot be reached by road—has performed what is believed to be the state's first gay marriage ceremony days ahead of schedule after a federal judge struck down the state's ban. Couples lined up statewide Monday to apply for marriage licenses, beginning the clock on a mandatory

three-day wait until ceremonies could be held.

For Kristine Hilderbrand, 30, and Sarah Ellis, 34, it wasn't about being first when they sought and received a waiver to the three-day wait from Magistrate Mary Treiber.

Monday just fit their schedules better.

After completing their marriage license Monday morning, they began to check on available dates for a courthouse ceremony. They then tried to mesh those with their schedules and those of families and friends.

Because Monday was Columbus Day, a federal holiday,

members of Ellis' family on the East Coast were able to call into the court's sophisticated teleconference system used for lawyers and defendants spread out over the far-flung judicial district when Treiber conducted the marriage ceremony late Monday afternoon.

Hilderbrand's sister was her maid-of-honor, and her father and nephew also attended. She said Ellis' brother from the Boston area used his thickest New England accent to crack up the room on the speaker phone when he said, “It's wicked awesome that you guys got married.”

Asia

Hong Kong police drag activists away, clear tunnel

HONG KONG (AP)—Hundreds of Hong Kong police officers drove protesters from an underpass in the dead of night in the worst violence since the street demonstrations for greater democracy began more than two weeks ago.

Officers, many with riot shields and wielding pepper spray, dragged away dozens of protesters, tore down barricades and removed concrete slabs the protesters used as road blocks around the underpass.

Beijing issued its harshest condemnations yet of the protests on Wednesday, calling them illegal, bad for business and against Hong Kong's best interests.

That appeared to reflect Beijing's increasing impatience over the demonstrations in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory, although there were no immediate signs that the central government was planning to become directly involved in suppressing them.

A front-page editorial Wednesday in the People's Daily, the ruling Communist Party's mouthpiece, condemned the protests and said "they are doomed to fail."

"Facts and history tell us that radical and illegal acts that got their way only result in more severe illegal activities, exacerbating disorder and turmoil," the commentary said.

"Stability is bliss, and turmoil brings havoc," it said.

The operation came hours after a large group of protesters blockaded the underpass, expanding their protest zone after being cleared out of some other streets. The protesters outnumbered the police officers, who later returned with reinforcements to clear the area.

The underpass borders the city government headquarters



Police officers push protesters out to a nearby park to clear the main roads outside government headquarters in Hong Kong's Admiralty, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014.

and is a short walk away from the main protest zone straddling a highway on the opposite side of the complex. Demonstrators appeared to storm the tunnel in reaction to police attempts over the past two days to chip away at barricades on the edges of the sprawling protest zone.

Officers took away many activists, their hands tied with plastic cuffs, and pushed others out to a nearby park.

Police said they had to disperse the protesters because they were disrupting public order and gathering illegally. They arrested 45 demonstrators during the clashes, which police said injured four officers.

"I have to stress here that even though protesters raised

their hands in their air it does not mean it was a peaceful protest," said the spokesman, Tsui Wai-Hung. He said some protesters kicked the officers and attacked them with umbrellas.

None of those arrested were hurt, he said.

But local television channel TVB showed footage of around six plainclothes police officers taking a man around the side of a building, placing him on the ground and kicking him. Tsui did not provide details of the incident when questioned by reporters.

Local legislators and activists identified the protester as Ken Tsang, a member of a local pro-democracy political party who in 2012 interrupted Leung's

inauguration by heckling then-Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Secretary for Security Lai Tung-kuo later told reporters that the officers who were involved have been reassigned

and the police department is carrying out an investigation.

The student-led protesters are now into their third week of occupying key parts of the city to pressure the Asian financial

center's government over curbs recommended by Beijing on democratic reforms.

They oppose plans for a pro-Beijing committee to screen candidates to run in Hong Kong's first direct elections to choose a leader, called a chief executive, in 2017. They also want the current chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, to resign.

When negotiating the 1997 handover of Hong Kong from Britain, China's ruling Communist leaders agreed to a "one country, two systems" that would preserve Western-style civil liberties and broad autonomy in the territory, while promising eventual democracy.

Leung has said there is "almost zero chance" that China's government will change its rules for the election.

Police have chipped away at the protest zones in three areas across the city by removing barricades from the edges of the areas they are occupying. On Tuesday, they used chain saws and sledgehammers to tear down barricades at the edge of the protest zone.

Positions on both sides have been hardening since the government called off negotiations last week, citing the unlikelihood of a constructive outcome given their sharp differences.

Protesters demand Philippine custody of US Marine

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Dozens of activists burned a mock U.S. flag as they protested at the U.S. Embassy in Manila on Tuesday, demanding that Washington hand over to the Philippines a U.S. Marine suspected in the killing of a transgender Filipino that the demonstrators labeled a hate crime.

Jeffrey Laude, 26, was found dead, apparently strangled and drowned, beside a toilet bowl in a motel room in Olongapo city, northwest of Manila, shortly after he checked in late Saturday, allegedly with a Marine.

Police said they have identified the Marine suspect with the help of a key witness. Authorities will file a murder complaint against him with prosecutors on Wednesday, national police spokesman Wilben Mayor said.

U.S. Marine spokesman Col. Brad Bartelt said a Marine was being held on board the USS Peleliu in the Subic Bay free port, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila, in connection with a joint U.S. Navy and Philippine police investigation into Laude's death.

About 3,000 U.S. Marines and Navy sailors concluded two weeks of military exercises with Filipino counterparts last Friday and were to leave the Philippines this week.

U.S. Pacific commander Adm. Samuel Locklear, who was in Manila for annual security talks with Philippine defense officials, initially ordered the Peleliu and other Navy ships to stay in the Philippines pending an investigation into the killing. All the ships except the Peleliu were later cleared to leave the country as the investigation progressed, according to Philippine officials.

"We will continue to cooperate fully with the Philippine law enforcement authorities in every aspect of the investigation," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in Washington.

The thorny issue emerged amid a blossoming of security ties between the United States and the Philippines, which have both been vocal critics of China's expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea. The longtime military allies signed a new accord in April that allows greater U.S. military access to Philippine military camps across the country.

Military chief of staff Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang said the incident destroyed the positive image of the just-concluded military exercise, in which the suspect in the killing took part, but added that "this will not af-

fect our relationship with the United States."

"We're alarmed and hurt because the victim was a fellow Filipino," Catapang told a news conference. "We have to give justice for his untimely death."

Police said Laude's attacker may have been angered when he discovered in the motel room that Laude was a transgender individual or because of an argument sparked by other reasons.

On Tuesday, about 40 young activists waved red flags and yelled "U.S. troops out now" in a protest that ended with the burning of a mock American flag at the heavily secured U.S. Embassy. Riot police stopped them from getting close to the seaside compound.

Two protest leaders tearfully demanded that the U.S. military hand over the Marine to the Philippine government, saying he should be detained in a local jail.

"This is just so abominable. It's one of the worst hate crimes I've seen," said Corky Hope Maranan, a leader of a group of transgender and lesbian Filipinos.

"If he remains in U.S. custody, certainly he can escape from our justice system again. We don't want another Daniel Smith," Maranan said.

Report: Rival Koreas hold military talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Senior military officers from the rival Koreas met at a border village Wednesday for talks on how to ease their animosities following two shooting incidents last week, South Korean media reported.

The two Koreas traded gunfire Friday after South Korean activists floated anti-Pyongyang propaganda balloons across the border. Earlier in the week, their navies exchanged warning shots along the disputed sea boundary. There were no reports of casualties from either incident, which served as a reminder of tensions running high on the divided peninsula.

Hopes for better relations were given impetus after a group of high-level North Ko-

rean officials made a rare visit to South Korea earlier this month and agreed to resume senior-level talks. However, the meeting Wednesday at the border village of Panmunjom between generals from across the border was unrelated.

After Friday's gunfire exchange, South Korea said it would sternly deal with any further provocation by North Korea, but stressed the door for dialogue remains open. North Korea urged South Korea to stop hostile acts such as dropping leaflets if it wants improved ties.

Wednesday's meeting of generals represents their first military talks since early 2011, Yonhap news agency reported citing unidentified government and ruling party sources.

Yonhap said the talks were expected to focus on how to ease tensions along the sea boundary, the scene of several bloody inter-Korean naval skirmishes in recent years, as well as discuss balloons carrying leaflets.

North Korea has long demanded South Korea prohibit activists from launching leaflets, but South Korea has refused citing freedom of speech.

Senior opposition lawmaker Park Jie-won told a party meeting that the talks were to start at 10 a.m., according to a statement posted on his website.

Seoul's Defense Ministry and Unification Ministry said it couldn't confirm the report.

Yonhap said North Korea had requested South Korea not to publicize the meeting.

World

Yemen's Shiite rebels win another stunning victory

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Shiite rebels who overran Yemen's capital last month won another stunning victory Tuesday, capturing a key port on the Red Sea in a move that underlined their apparent intention to create a mini-state in the mostly chaotic and lawless Arab country.

Control over the city of Hodeida gives the rebels, known as the Houthis and widely suspected of links to Shiite Iran, an outlet that may be needed to lend viability to any future entity they create. It also adds considerably to the troubles of U.S.-backed President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi as he struggles to hold Yemen together.

The rebel offensive is the latest chaotic chapter for the impoverished country on the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Yemen has been beset for years by an al-Qaida-led insurgency that has staged dozens of suicide attacks against military and security personnel. It also has endured crushing poverty that has bred resentment—and outright rebellion—that took root in a secessionist movement in its once-independent southern region.



Houthi Shiite Yemenis wearing an army uniforms, stand near the coffins of a men who were killed last Thursday by a suicide bomber in central Sanaa, Yemen, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

The advances by the anti-American rebels come in a coun-

try that is a centerpiece in the U.S. campaign against al-Qai-

da's leaders, hideouts and camps, often with drones. Its proximity to the vast oilfields of Washington's Gulf Arab allies also adds to Yemen's strategic value.

Analysts say the Houthis may be building on the momentum gained from their recent battlefield successes to seize more territory. Apart from Sanaa, they also have taken over the provinces of Saada and Omran to the north. On Tuesday, they were in full control of the province of Damar, just south of Sanaa.

The Houthis captured Hodeida and Damar without any fighting, a fact that could point to the disarray within Yemen's

army and security forces. But it could also be the result of cooperation between the rebels and forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has been trying to derail the political transition launched after he was forced to step down in 2011 after 33 years in power.

Army units loyal to Saleh are widely suspected to have aided last month's Houthi takeover of Sanaa by stepping aside or reaching non-aggression pacts with the rebels. But this confluence of interests—Saleh's desire to undermine the political process and to exact revenge on his foes on the one hand, and the

Houthis' territorial ambitions on the other—is likely to be short-lived, according to analyst Jane Kinninmont.

"One important variable will be the role of Yemen's Gulf neighbors, especially Saudi Arabia," said Kinninmonth, a Middle East expert from Chatham House, London's prestigious political research center. "They are deeply worried by the expansion of the Houthis and may back unlikely forces who oppose it. The possibility of renewed Saudi military action can't be ruled out either."

Saudi Arabia, the Sunni powerhouse that borders Yemen, has expressed concern over the Houthis' battlefield success. The territorial gains give Iran—Riyadh's traditional foe—a foothold right on the Saudis' doorstep.

Analysts are skeptical the Houthis have the manpower or the expertise to hold and govern vast areas, although some have speculated the rebels had intended from the start to capture a sea outlet to ensure the flow of foreign supplies. Two years ago, Yemeni authorities intercepted two vessels—allegedly from Iran—carrying weapons that officials said were destined for the Houthis. The Shiite group denied any link.

The rebels pushed into Hodeida after they had besieged it for days, according to Yemeni officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

They set up checkpoints and deployed forces at all entry points to Hodeida, its airport and seaport, and were also in control of several military bases in the city, 200 kilometers (125 miles) west of Sanaa.

Rights group: Iraq Shiite militias killing Sunnis

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraq's Shiite militias have abducted and killed scores of Sunni civilians with the tacit support of the government in retaliation for Islamic State group attacks, Amnesty International said Tuesday, as a suicide car bombing claimed by the Sunni extremists killed 23 people, including a Shiite lawmaker.

The Shiite militiamen number in the tens of thousands and wear military uniforms but operate outside any legal framework and without any official oversight, the London-based watchdog said, adding that they are not prosecuted for the crimes.

The accusations were

based on interviews with relatives of victims and survivors who claimed that members of four prominent Iraqi Shiite militias—Asaib Ahl al-Haq, the Badr Brigades, the Mahdi Army, and Ketab Hizbollah—were behind many abductions and killings of Sunnis in the country, the rights group said in a 28-page report, entitled "Absolute Impunity: Militia Rule in Iraq."

Sunni grievances have metastasized since the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003 and handed power to the long-oppressed Shiite majority. Sunni anger helped fuel the rampage across northern and western Iraq by the Islamic State group and

the onslaught has aggravated sectarian tensions elsewhere, again driving Iraq to the brink of civil war.

Asaib Ahl al-Haq and the Hezbollah Brigades were among a group of Shiite militias backed by Iran that carried out lethal attacks against U.S. bases in June 2012.

A spokesman for the Iraqi military, Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim, dismissed the Amnesty report, saying that the government would "in no way be an accomplice for killing its own citizens." He added that the Iraqi government and its military "do not support any group, including militias, which work to kill innocent people."

Conservative bishops move away from gay overture

VATICAN CITY (AP)—A fight for the soul of the Catholic Church has broken out, and the first battlefield is a document on family values that pits increasingly alarmed conservatives against more progressive bishops emboldened by Pope Francis' vision of a church that is more merciful than moralistic.

On Tuesday, conservative bishops distanced themselves from the document's unprecedented opening toward gays and divorced Catholics, calling it an "unacceptable" deviation from church teaching that doesn't reflect their views and

vowing to make changes to the final version.

The report, released midway through a Vatican meeting on such hot-button family issues as marriage, divorce, homosexuality and birth control, signaled a radical shift in tone about welcoming gays, divorced Catholics and unmarried couples into the church.

Its message was one of almost-revolutionary acceptance and understanding rather than condemnation. Gays, it said, had gifts to offer the church and their partnerships, while morally problematic, pro-

vided gay couples with "precious" support. The church, it added, must welcome divorced people and recognize the "positive" aspects of civil marriages and even Catholics who live together without being married.

The leaders of the bishops' meeting, or synod, that produced it stressed Tuesday that it was merely a working paper and was never intended to be a statement of church doctrine, but rather a reflection of bishops' views that will be debated and amended before a final version is released on Saturday.

WORLD BRIEFS

US worker killed by ex-colleague in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—A Saudi-American dual national who was recently fired from a U.S. defense contractor shot two American ex-colleagues in Saudi Arabia's capital, killing one and wounding the other in what appeared to be a settling of scores, security and diplomatic officials said. The gunman, Abdulaziz Fahad Abdulaziz Alrashid, was taken into police custody after being injured a shootout with Saudi security forces, said a statement released in Washington on behalf of the Saudi Embassy. Alrashid, 24, was recently dismissed from his job for drug-related issues, the statement said, citing the Saudi Interior Ministry for that information.

Magnitude 7.4 offshore

quake hits Central America

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—A magnitude 7.4 earthquake off the Pacific coast of El Salvador late Monday disrupted power to several communities and claimed the life of one man who had been sleeping on a street. The quake was part of a series of strong tremors that rattled much of Central America. The strongest quake was centered in the Pacific Ocean about 169 kilometers (105 miles) southeast of San Salvador and occurred at 9:51 p.m. local time (10:51 EDT; 0251 GMT), according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It had a depth of 70.5 kilometers (43.8 miles). The quakes shook the southern coast and interior of the region from Guatemala to Costa Rica, according to local reports. Power outages were reported in El Salvador, and Ni-

caragua put out an internal alert announcing that schools would be closed on Tuesday.

Strong explosion hits Cairo, leaving 12 injured

CAIRO (AP)—A strong blast hit a busy district in central Cairo on Tuesday night, leaving 12 injured, Egypt's official news agency reported, as a court sentenced seven Islamic militants to death over earlier terror attacks. MENA quoted a senior security official as saying that the explosion was caused by a home-made bomb placed in the vicinity of a court house. The site of the attack is a busy district and near a subway station. The agency quoted Mohammed Sultan, a health minister official as saying that the blast caused no deaths and that 12 people were injured. No further details were immediately available.

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- Geologic time scale:
<http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/help/timeform.php>
- Anthropocene Working Group:
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ANTHROPOCENE: THE AGE OF HUMANS

With their mark on Earth, humans may name era, too

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—People are changing Earth so much, warming and polluting it, that many scientists are turning to a new way to describe the time we live in. They're calling it the Anthropocene—the age of humans.

Though most non-experts don't realize it, science calls the past 12,000 years the Holocene, Greek for "entirely recent." But the way humans and their industries are altering the planet, especially its climate, has caused an increasing number of scientists to use the word "Anthropocene" to better describe when and where we are.

"We're changing the Earth. There is no question about that, I've seen it from space," said eight-time spacewalking astronaut John Grunsfeld, now associate administrator for science at NASA. He said looking down from orbit, there was no place he could see on the planet that didn't have the mark of man. So he uses the term Anthropocene, he said, "because we're intelligent enough to recognize it."

Grunsfeld was in the audience of a "Living in the Anthropocene" symposium put on last week by the Smithsonian. At the same time, the American Association for the Advancement of Science is displaying an art ex-

hibit, "Fossils of the Anthropocene." More than 500 scientific studies have been published this year referring to the current time period as the Anthropocene.

And on Friday the Anthropocene Working Group ramps up its efforts to change the era's name with a meeting at a Berlin museum. The movement was jump started and the name coined by Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen in 2000, according to Australian National University scientist Will Steffen.

Geologists often mark new scientific time periods with what they call a golden spike—really more of a bronze disk in the rock layer somewhere that physically points out where one scientific time period ends and another begins, said Harvard University's Andrew Knoll, who supports the idea because "humans have become a geologic force on the planet. The age we are living now in is really distinct."

But instead of a golden spike in rock, "it's going to be a layer of plastic that covers the planet, if not a layer of (heat-trapping) carbon," said W. John Kress, acting undersecretary of science for the Smithsonian. Kress said the Smithsonian is embracing the term because "for us it kind of combines the scientific and the cultural in one word."

It's an ugly word, one that

many people don't understand, and it's even hard to pronounce, Kress admitted. (It's AN'-thruh-poh-seen.) That's why when he opened the Smithsonian's symposium, he said, "We are living in the Anthropocene," then quickly added: "the age of humans."

"Never in its 4.6 billion year old history has the Earth been so affected by one species as it is being affected now by humans," Kress said.

Steffen, one of the main leaders of the Anthropocene movement, said in an email that the age of humans is more than just climate change. It includes ozone loss, disruption of nitrogen and phosphorous cycles that are causing dead zones, changes in water, acidification of the ocean, endocrine disruptors and deforestation.

Steffen said there's no scientific consensus for the term Anthropocene yet, but he sees support growing. To become official it has to be approved by the International Union of Geological Sciences' Commission on Stratigraphy.

That process is detailed and slow, said Harvard's Kroll, who spearheaded the last successful effort to add a new time period, the little known Ediacaran period, about 600 million years ago. It took him 15 years.

The head of that deciding

This handout image provided by NASA, taken in 2012, shows citylights worldwide. People are changing Earth so much with global warming and other pollution that many scientists are turning to a new way to describe the time we live in. They're calling it the Anthropocene—the age of humans.

committee, Stan Finney at California State University at Long Beach, said in an interview that he is often called "the biggest critic" of the Anthropocene term. He said while there's no doubt humans are dramatically changing the planet, creating a new geologic time period requires detailed scientific records, mostly based on what is in rocks.

Supporters also don't agree on when the Anthropocene starts. Suggestions include the start of farming, industrialization and the use of the atomic bomb.

The Geological Society of America hasn't taken up the term yet, but may soon start paying attention to the concept, said society president Hap McSween of the University of Tennessee.

"I actually think it's a great idea," McSween said. "Humans are profoundly affecting the environment, probably as much as natural events have in the past. And when effects become profound enough, we draw a new boundary and make it a period. ... It's a good way to point out the environmental havoc that humans are causing."

Study links hundreds of Ohio quakes to fracking

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A new study suggests fracking triggered hundreds of small, unnoticeable earthquakes in eastern Ohio late last year, months before the state first linked seismic activity to the much-debated oil-and-gas extraction technique.

The report, which appears in the November issue of the journal *Seismological Research Letters*, identified nearly 400 tremors on a previously unmapped fault in Harrison County between Oct. 1 and Dec. 13, 2013.

That included 10 quakes of magnitudes of 1.7 to 2.2. That's intense enough to have temporarily halted activity under Ohio's new drilling permit rules had they been in place at the time, but is still considered minor.

The quakes fell along a fault lying directly under three hydraulic fracturing operations and tended to coincide with nearby activity, researchers found. About 190 quakes were detected in a single three-day

period last October, beginning within hours of the start of fracking. None of the quakes was reported felt by people.

Shawn Bennett, a spokesman for the Ohio Oil & Gas Association, said the industry is looking at the issue nationally but wants more information on what caused the Ohio. He said human-caused earthquakes are "extremely rare," whereas 1.3 million tremors of similar magnitude happen naturally around the globe every year.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources spokeswoman Bethany McCorkle said the state has installed seismic monitoring equipment throughout eastern Ohio over the past year and is keeping close watch for earthquakes strong enough to be felt.

Fracking involves the high-pressure injection of water, sand and chemicals into shale to break up the rock and release trapped oil and gas.

Rowena Lohman, an assistant professor of geo-

physics at Cornell University who was not involved in the study, said some faults cannot be discovered until underground activity is attempted. She said the latest findings can be used to try to prevent worse quakes.

"We've known for a really long time, going back to the '70s, that when you do any subsurface manipulation you cause small earthquakes," she said. "The big question is: Are we doing something now that increases the probability that it will induce larger quakes?"

Study co-author Paul Friberg, a seismologist at New York-based Instrumental Software Technologies Inc., said that fracturing rock results in micro-earthquakes but that some of the Harrison County tremors were significantly larger than expected.

Ohio determined a probable link between fracking and five small tremors in eastern Ohio in April, in the first such tie announced in the northeastern U.S.

Life & Style

Cuba violinmakers battle instrument shortage

HAVANA (AP)—In a light-filled workshop cluttered with tools and pieces of old string instruments, three men carve strips of imported wood and silently measure the angles of violin pegs and viola necks bent out of tune by years of use.

Here in the heart of old Havana, Andres Martinez and his two apprentices wage a daily battle against one of Cuba's lesser-known economic problems: A country famous for its music is running low on musical instruments.

Cuba's dozens of free music schools turn out thousands of skilled young musicians each year, many of whom play imported instruments that can only be repaired and maintained with hard-to-find materials from abroad. Delicate and complex, string instruments are among the hardest to keep in tune.

Before Cuba's 1959 revolution, many students played violins, violas, cellos and bass from European workshops. After it, the Soviet Union provided violins and cellos, along with many other goods. Now, as Cuba



In this Oct. 14, 2014 photo, Andres Martinez repairs a viola at the Luthier Workshop of Havana, a state-run workshop where craftsmen make and repair violas, cellos and violins in Havana, Cuba.

struggles to revive its stagnant centrally planned economy, students must make do with violins from China that too easily pop strings and lose their tone.

Sponsored by Cuba's city historian

and a Belgian nonprofit group called Fiddlemakers Without Frontiers, Martinez and his apprentices repair dozens of instruments a year, make a handful from scratch and train aspiring young

violin makers in an attempt to create an indigenous Cuban violin industry.

"We do everything here from minor repairs to major renovations," said Martinez, 41. "It's a profession that requires a lot of dedication."

Martinez began as a furniture repairman for the historian's office, a city agency in charge of caring for Havana's cultural heritage, most importantly restoring the historic heart of the colonial city. Since the opening of the workshop three years ago, he has overseen the repair of more than 400 violins, violas, cellos and bass violins, the restringing of some 200 bows and the manufacture of a dozen high-quality violins for professional musicians.

Using high-end imported tools and varnishes, Martinez takes pride in a quality of work that he says can't be found among amateur repairmen who use hammers to fix violins.

"Fiddle-making isn't carpentry," he said.

The workshop lends instruments to musicians who need them for concerts or competitions, and has come to fill a

gap left by the death or emigration of Cuba's handful of world-class violin repairmen in recent decades, musicologist Miriam Escudero, said.

"This workshop fills a great need," she said.

Cuba opened a violin factory in the eastern province of Camaguey in the 1970s but the native cedar didn't have the quality and resonance approaching that of European rosewood and maple.

Martinez and his apprentices say their next challenge will be converting the workshop into a financially self-sustaining operation. They are considering applying to be a worker-run cooperative, a new form of business that the Cuban government hopes can be more efficient than many faltering state industries.

The future of Cuban music may depend, in a small way, on their success or failure.

"It's like with people," said workman Juan Carlos Prado, 25. "If you feel bad, you need a doctor. The same thing happens with a musical instrument. If it isn't working well, you can hear it in the music."

4 Northern California faults primed for big quakes

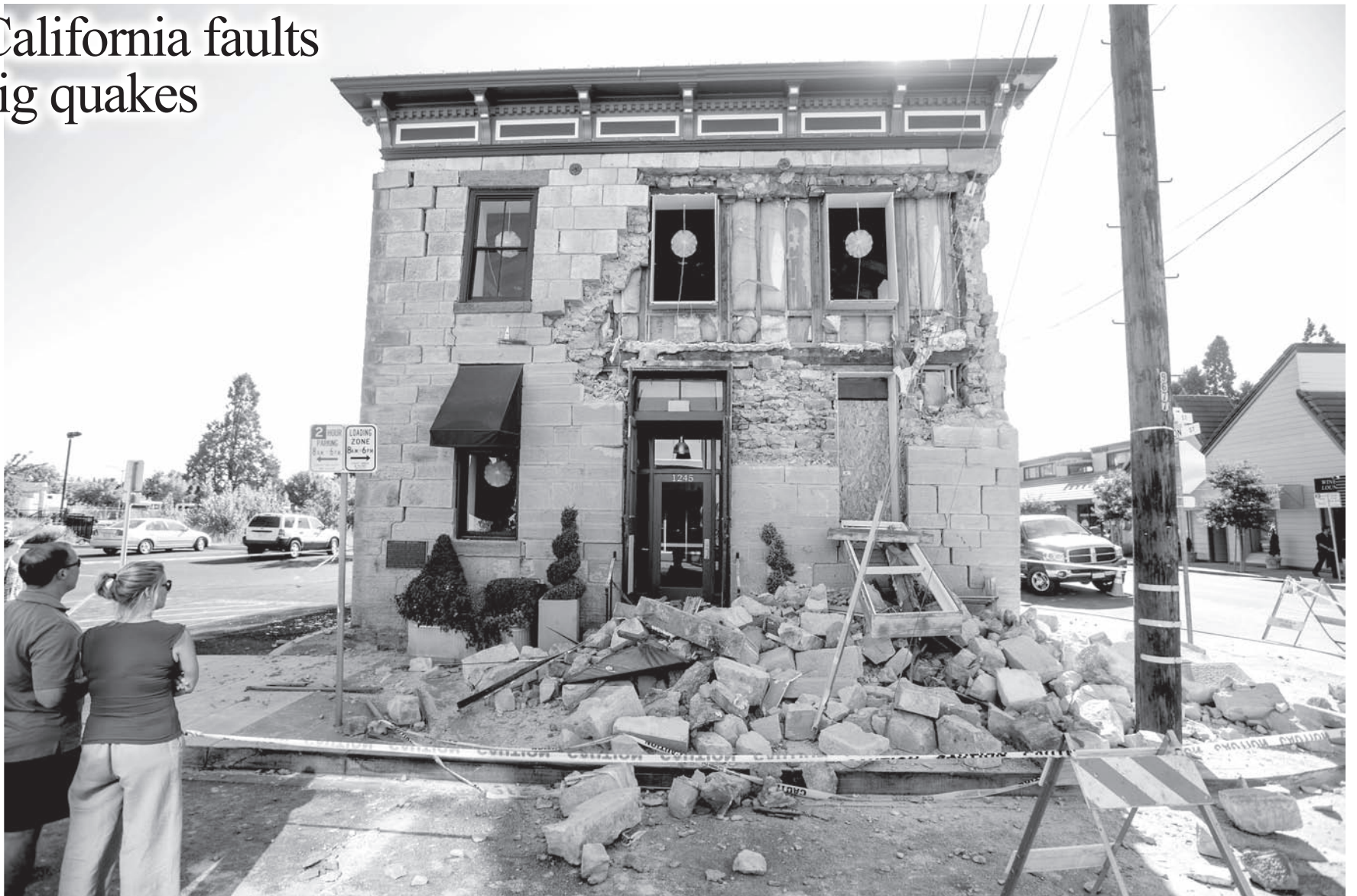
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Three fault segments running beneath Northern California and its roughly 15 million people are overdue for a major earthquake, including one section that lies near the dams and canals that supply much of the state's water, according to a geological study published Monday.

The three fault segments and one other in the region are loaded with enough tension to produce quakes of magnitude 6.8 or greater, according to a geological study published Monday.

They include the little-known Green Valley fault, which lies near key dams and aqueducts northeast of San Francisco. Underestimated by geologists until now, the fault running between the cities of Napa and Fairfield is primed for a magnitude-7.1 quake, according to researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey and San Francisco State University.

The water supplies of the San Francisco Bay Area, Southern California and the farm-rich Central Valley depend on the man-made water system that links to the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, noted James Lienkaemper, the U.S. Geological Survey geologist who was lead author of the study. The Green Valley fault is last believed to have ruptured sometime in the 1600s.

The study shows the state "needs to consider more seriously" the earthquake risk in that area, Lienkaemper said



In this Aug. 24, 2014, file photo, pedestrians examine a crumbling facade following an earthquake at the Vintner's Collective tasting room in Napa, Calif.

by phone.

All four vulnerable fault segments belong to the San Andreas fault system, the geological dividing line that marks where the western half of California shifts northwest and away from the rest of North America at about 2 inches a year.

The other fault sections that have built up enough tension for

a temblor with a magnitude of 6.8 or greater are the northern Calaveras and Hayward faults in the east San Francisco Bay Area and the Rodgers Creek fault to the north, scientists concluded in a study published in the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America.

Geologists reached their conclusions partly through regular

data readings that geologists and San Francisco State University geology students began in 1979 along fault lines. The tracking now features annual readings at 80 monitoring sites at 29 sections of faults in northern California.

The surveys measure fault creep, movements of fractions of inches that slowly release

strain on some faults. When no fault creep is recorded, a fault is considered locked, and stress builds until an earthquake unlocks it.

Roughly two-thirds of the 1,250 miles (2,011 kilometers) that comprise the five major branches of the San Andreas fault feature fault creep, the study concludes.

Northern California recorded its biggest earthquake of a quarter-century Aug. 24, when a magnitude-6.0 quake hit Napa, north of San Francisco. Seismologists estimate seven quakes of 7.3 magnitude or more have hit California just since the 1800s, most of them when the state's population was a fraction of what it is now.

Australia's Flanagan wins Booker fiction prize

LONDON (AP)—Australian writer Richard Flanagan won the Booker Prize on Tuesday with a visceral book about wartime brutality and its aftermath—a novel the head of the judging team said was as powerful as a kick in the stomach.

Flanagan drew on his father's experiences as a World War II prisoner of the Japanese for "The Narrow Road to the Deep North," which centers on

the Burma Death Railway, built with forced labor at the cost of tens of thousands of lives.

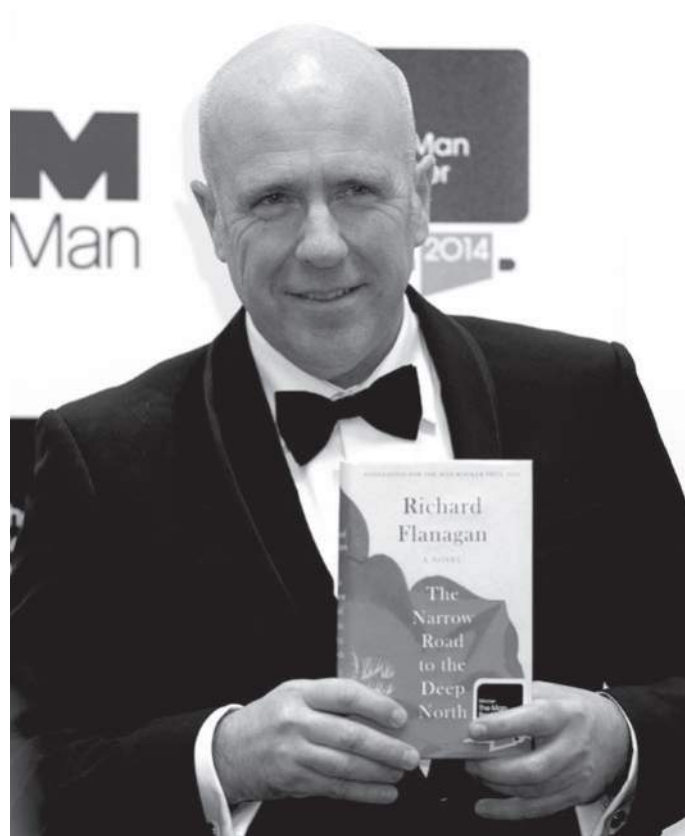
Named after a classic work of Japanese literature, the book is dedicated to Flanagan's father—referred to by his prisoner number, 335—who died at the age of 98 shortly after his son finished the manuscript.

Flanagan is the third Australian to take the award, after Thomas Keneally and Peter

Carey, and his victory disappointed those who hoped to see an American win in the first year U.S. authors are eligible.

Philosopher A.C. Grayling, who chaired the panel of judges, praised the "profoundly intelligent humanity" and "excoriating" descriptions of suffering in Flanagan's novel.

He said the book, which moves from Tasmania to southeast Asia to Japan, explored "the



loss of a love and then the loss of comrades" and the trauma of having to live with such an overwhelming experience.

"If you are made a hero by your country but you don't feel like one—that is explored so wonderfully well in this novel," he said.

Grayling said it was "the sort of book that kicks you so hard in the stomach" that it is difficult to move on.

Flanagan, 53, was given his trophy and 50,000 pound (\$80,000) winner's check by Prince Charles' wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, after a black-tie dinner in London's medieval Guildhall.

AP

Winner of the Man Booker for fiction 2014 Australian author Richard Flanagan, author of 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North', poses for the camera after winning the prize at the Guildhall in London, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014.

Alicia Keys holds protest for lost Nigerian girls

NEW YORK (AP)—Alicia Keys held a protest in New York City on Tuesday to raise awareness about the 200-plus Nigerian schoolgirls who were kidnapped by Boko Haram militants in April.

Tuesday marked six months since the girls were abducted. Keys kicked off a protest with 30 others at the consulate general of Nigeria, holding signs that read "We Are Here" and "Safe Schools Now!"

They chanted "Bring back our girls" and "When do we want them? Now! Now! Alive!" as New Yorkers walked up the

street during lunch hour, while others stopped to capture photos and video.

Keys, who is pregnant, said in an interview that she felt touched to take action because she is a mother. Her son, Egypt, turned 4 on Tuesday.

"Today is my son's birthday and it is also making me stand in solidarity with all the mothers of the Chibok girls who have been abducted for six months and are still missing. And it is just outrageous that that's going on," the 33-year-old said as others chanted behind her.

Keys recently launched the

movement "We Are Here," which fights for social justice. She also recorded and released a song with the same name.

She was joined by her husband, producer-rapper Swizz Beatz. She said people need a reminder that the schoolgirls are still missing.

"Some people have even told me they've heard things about 'there's been progress,' but there hasn't been progress because the girls aren't back," Keys said. "So I think that we get mixed information. We don't know, so we just have to keep being made aware of what's happening."

Boyz II Men return to Philly high school for show

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Members of the Grammy-winning group Boyz II Men returned to their roots Tuesday with a concert at their old stomping grounds—a performing arts high school they remember being just like the TV show "Fame."

"You had girls, you know, walking around in their leotards, plie-ing all over the hallways..." said Shawn Stockman.

"Dudes sitting on the stairs drawing ..." added Wanya Morris.

"It was a school you never wanted to be absent, you never

wanted to be late," said Nathan Morris.

The R&B group met more than two decades ago at the Philadelphia High School for the Creative & Performing Arts, where Tuesday they held a private show for about 300 students and Sirius XM subscribers. SiriusXM plans to broadcast the show on Oct. 21, the day the band's album "Collide" comes out.

The trio performed in an auditorium with dozens of students on stage, who cheered and clapped along to their opening song, the '90s megahit "Mo-

townphilly." The crooners are also known for ballads like "I'll Make Love to You" and "End of the Road."

Before the concert, the band caught up with mentor LaDeva M. Davis, who still teaches dance at the school. Stockman joked that they liked Davis' class because of the girls in leotards—"so we hung around like cats in an alley."

But later, turning serious, he credited Davis with playing a key role in the band's development by doing everything from producing their showcases to making sure they got to class on time.

Kesha, producer trade lawsuits over abuse claims

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kesha and her mentor and producer filed dueling lawsuits Tuesday over the pop singer's claims she was subjected to nearly a decade of sexual and emotional abuse.

Kesha's lawsuit filed in Los Angeles accuses hit-making producer Dr. Luke of raping her and subjecting her to other sexual and emotional abuse for nearly a decade. The abuse led the "Tik Tok" singer to develop a severe eating disorder that required her to enter rehab earlier this year, according to the lawsuit.

Dr. Luke, whose real name is Lukasz Sebastian Gottwald, filed a lawsuit against Kesha in New York calling the claims defamatory and saying his protégé is making them in an attempt to extort him into giving her a better recording deal.

Kesha's suit does not specify when the alleged rape occurred, but her attorney wrote that the singer didn't report the abuse to anyone out of fear of retaliation by Dr. Luke.

"She lived in a prison of his abuse and was terrified of speaking, messaging, tweeting or doing anything at all that he might disapprove of in the event that he would later use it to torture her and her family, as he had done so many times before," the lawsuit states.

Her lawsuit seeks to invalidate recording agreements she signed with Dr. Luke and his recording company when she turned 18. Kesha, whose real name is Kesha Rose Sebert, is a Nashville native who was lured to Los Angeles by Dr. Luke with promises of a music career,

her suit states.

"As set forth in the complaint that we have filed on behalf of Dr. Luke, Kesha and her mother are engaged in a campaign of publishing outrageous and untrue statements about Dr. Luke to third parties, including scurrilous and false statements of purported physical and mental abuse of Kesha," Dr. Luke's attorney Christine Lepera wrote in a statement.

Kesha's attorney, Mark Geragos, said Tuesday that the producer's lawsuit was legal gamesmanship and not unexpected.

"This is exactly the way he plays," Geragos said. "He abuses people."

Geragos said Kesha is finally healthy enough to confront her mentor.

Woman's first marriage is over, but thoughts of her ex linger

DEAR ABBY: I have a serious problem that's consuming my life. I know people say you never really get over your first love, but I don't know why after six years I still think about my ex on a daily basis.

Abby, I am happily married. My husband is the perfect man for me—understanding, sweet and patient. My ex, "Chad," cheated on me with other women and recently married the one who effectively ended our relationship.

I thought I had moved on, but I can't seem to stop thinking about him. My ex and I had a strong chemistry—not just a physical one—that my husband and I don't. Somehow I wonder if, while my husband is the man of my dreams, Chad was my true soul mate.

I don't want to jeopardize my marriage because of a lurking shadow from my past. How do I get over this and move on?

DESPERATE FOR ADVICE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DESPERATE: Old habits are hard to break, and sometimes memories do linger to the point of being intrusive. While it can be frustrating, this is not an indication that someone who cheated on you multiple times was your "soul mate." If you had been meant to be together forever, you would still be together. Consider yourself lucky that another woman freed you from that unhealthy relationship so you could find the man you married.

What you may miss is tension, drama, uncertainty and pain, and that's not love. The sooner you quit idealizing your ex, the more clearly you will recognize this. And if the unwanted thoughts persist, consult a therapist because your

problem is not unique.

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DEAR ABBY: While I was growing up, my parents taught me and my siblings to always keep a year's salary (pre-taxes) in a savings account that one never touches.

The problem is my bride and I feel that we're ready to buy a home, although we don't have enough in our joint savings to make a down payment. She feels I should use my savings to make the down payment.

I don't feel right about it because this savings technique has saved me twice in my life. Once when I was a child and my parents lost their jobs, and again when I lost my job in the recession. Am I selfish for wanting to keep my savings off limits?

MR. SAVINGS

DEAR MR. SAVINGS: No. I happen to agree with your fiscally conservative philosophy. You learned from experience how important an emergency fund can be. Because buying a home is not an emergency, wait until you and your wife have saved enough for the down payment. Also, because the money in that savings account was yours before marriage, it may not be a joint asset, and it could save you a third time if you don't spend it.

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DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter, age 18, has recently begun to send her father text messages while we are in the same room, rather than speak to him. It's as if she doesn't want me in on the conversation. I find her behavior rude.

DEAR ABBY

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If they need to speak privately, so be it—she can wait until I'm out of the room or request to speak to him elsewhere. But I find it impolite of her to send him texts. They are nothing confidential in nature, just general conversation.

What are your thoughts on this?

BYSTANDER IN NEW YORK

DEAR BYSTANDER: What your stepdaughter is doing is as rude as when two people whisper to each other in front of a third person. My thought is that your husband, out of consideration for your feelings, should either tell her—or text her—to cut it out.

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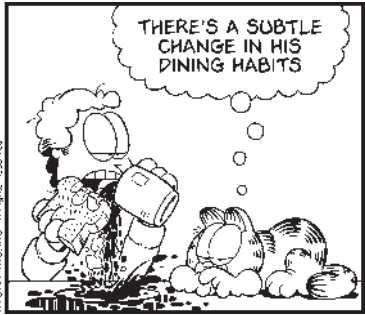
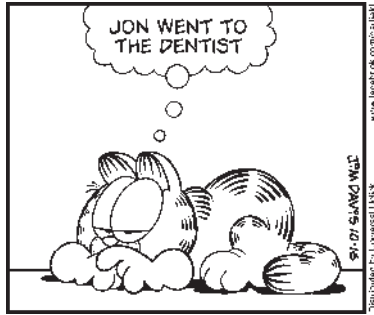
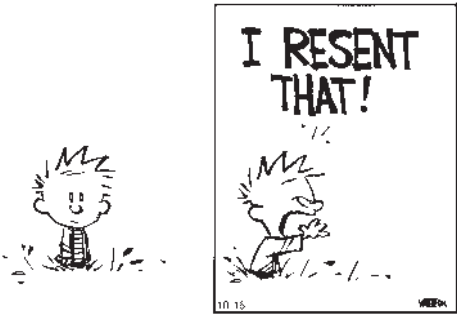
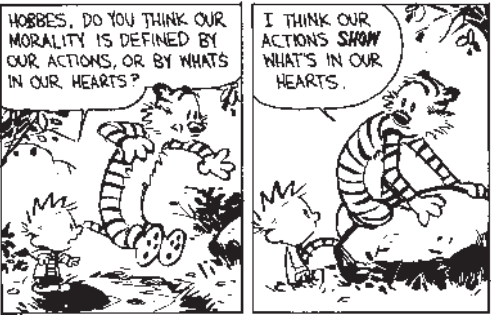
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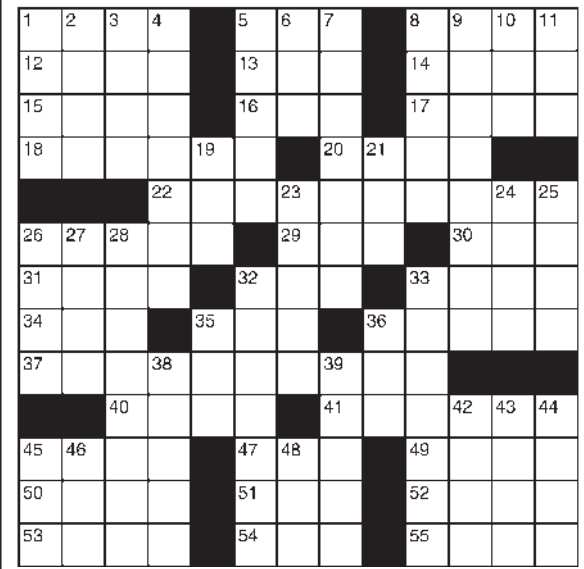
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 - 12 Dalai —
 - 13 Scooted
 - 14 From the start
 - 15 Always
 - 16 Greek vowel
 - 17 Shoppers' mecca
 - 18 On the decline
 - 20 Overabundance
 - 22 Julie Chen's show
 - 26 Bar seat
 - 29 Remiss
 - 30 Previous night
 - 31 From one end to t'other
 - 32 Bottom line
 - 33 Prayer ending
 - 34 Still, in verse
- DOWN**
- 1 Huffed
 - 2 Volcanic
 - 3 Portent
 - 4 Bias
 - 5 Shorthand
 - 6 Feedbag
 - 7 "The eyes/they see," e.g.
 - 8 Range
 - 9 Curse
 - 10 Come together
 - 11 Piercing tool
 - 19 Zero
 - 21 Bagel
 - 23 Muddy Waters' genre
 - 24 Tied
 - 25 Tear
 - 26 Hearty
 - 27 Quaker pronoun
 - 28 Decoration
 - 32 Bart Simpson's school principal
 - 33 "So soon?"
 - 35 Portion of N.A.
 - 36 Command to Fido
 - 38 Excited, with "up"
 - 39 Dining room need
 - 42 —Euro-pean
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 - 46 Weeding tool
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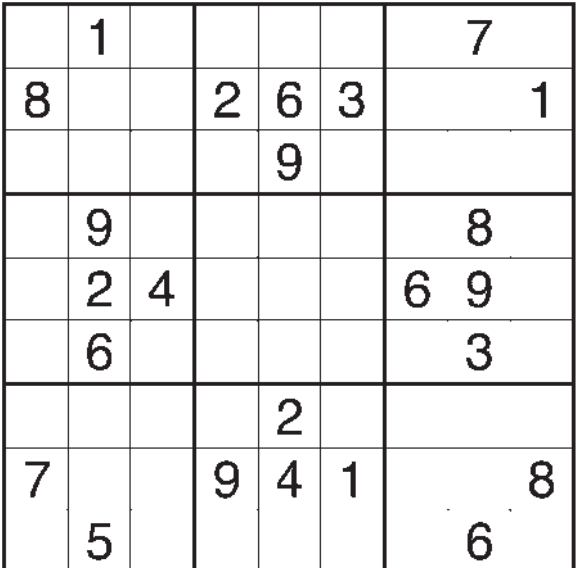
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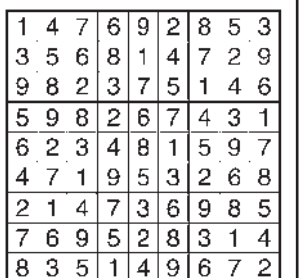
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

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Royals move one win away from World Series



KANSAS CITY, Mo.
(AP)—Mike

Moustakas had his eye on the ball from the moment it left Adam Jones's bat, tracking it against the bright lights of Kauffman Stadium. When it settled into his glove and he tumbled into a dugout suite, a dozen fans were waiting to pick him right back up.

Just like Moustakas has picked up his team during its perfect postseason.

The third baseman with the four playoff homers dazzled with his glove Tuesday night. And when Billy Butler drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, the long-downtrodden Kansas City Royals were on their way to a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles and a commanding 3-0 lead in their AL Championship Series.

"It really did fire up the whole stadium," Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer said of his teammate's circus catch. "Hats off to the fans in the dugout suite, pick him up and put him back on the field. That was great. Moose finding ways to get it done."

The entire team has found ways to get it done. The wildcard Royals have won 10 straight postseason games, including all seven this year, in their first playoff appearance in 29 years.

The only thing that's slowed Kansas City so far was a rainout Monday.

"We've got a snowball effect going right now," Butler said. "The confidence couldn't be any higher. That's when you come to the park each day, focus on the next pitch, focus on your job and just not be the guy to end the streak."

Fresh off a combined three-hitter, Kansas City will send Jason Vargas to the mound for Game 4 on Wednesday, trying to advance to its first World Series since 1985. Miguel Gonzalez will go to the mound for the Orioles.

"It's hard to take advantage of mistakes when they're not making any," Orioles first baseman Steve Pearce said. "This is tough, man. We've got one loss left. We've got to find a way to start pulling this out. We got to find somebody to get it done."

The Orioles are the 34th team to trail 3-0 in a best-of-seven major league postseason series - the only team to come back and win was the Boston Red Sox in the 2004 ALCS against the Yankees, STATS said.

"It's been done before, so that gives you a chance," Jones said. "We've won four games before. Obviously, not in this situation. But we've won four games, four games, four games. So start tomorrow, start in the first inning and get some runs on the board."

The Royals' Jeremy Guthrie and Orioles' Wei-Yin Chen



AP
Kansas City Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas dives for the ball hit by Baltimore Orioles' Adam Jones during the sixth inning of Game 3 of the American League baseball championship series Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

bloop singles, a walk and a tying RBI groundout.

The Royals played catch up with their gloves, too.

Moustakas made a diving grab to rob Pearce of a single in the fourth. Then in the sixth, he tracked that popup by Jones into foul territory, steadied himself at a railing near the dugout, then extended himself to catch the ball and tumbled into the stands.

"They were both tremendous plays," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

The blue-clad crowd rose to its feet to give Moustakas a rousing cheer, and many fans were still standing when Butler drove in the go-ahead run in the bottom half of the inning.

By the time the Royals' "Big Three" of Herrera, Davis and Holland had closed it out, the Royals were on the verge of another postseason sweep.

"We've got to zone in on the task at hand," Holland said. "They're not going to lay down. We understand that."

a 1-0 lead. Guthrie wiggled out of the jam, though, and grinded through five innings against his

former team in his first start since Sept. 26.

Chen matched him pitch-for-

pitch until the fourth, when the Royals put together one of their quintessential innings: a pair of

SIDEBAR

Giants beat Cards in 10th on Choate wild throw

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A wild pitch, a wide throw and an 18-inning marathon.

These playoff-tested Giants keep finding wacky ways to win in another special October.

An errant throw by reliever Randy Choate on a bunt allowed Brandon Crawford to score the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting San Francisco over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 on Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series.

"Everybody's saying: 'How are the Giants doing it? How are the Giants winning games?'" said Gregor Blanco, who laid down the sacrifice. "We just really believe in each other. We play together."

Crawford drew an eight-pitch walk from Choate to begin the inning, ending a stretch of 16 straight Giants retired since Tim Hudson's two-out single in the fourth. After failing on two sacrifice attempts, Juan Perez singled to bring up Blanco.

Blanco fouled off a bunt try, too, but then pushed one to the third-base side of the mound and the left-handed Choate's side-arm throw sailed past lunging second baseman Kolten Wong, who was covering first base.

"We had trouble getting the bunt down," Crawford said.

"So I was happy he got it down. He put it in a great spot and made those guys make a play, and fortunately (we) saw the throw go wide."

Randal Grichuk tied it with a solo homer in the seventh that chased Hudson.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night, with Ryan Vogelsong pitching for the Giants against fellow righty Shelby Miller.

Choate blamed himself. He has done pitcher fielding practice for decades.

"He did exactly what I wanted him to do," the pitcher said. "It was easy. It was right there and I blew it. The ball just sailed on me."

This walkoff win came 12 years to the day after Kenny Lofton's single in the ninth inning ended the 2002 NLCS against the Cardinals and sent the Giants to the World Series. It also came on a day Hall of Famer Willie McCovey surprised players with his return to the ballpark after a long stint in the hospital nursing an infection.

"Is this a rule we can't hit a home run?" a relieved manager Bruce Bochy joked, sitting back in his office chair.

In the Division Series clincher only a week earlier against Washington, Joe Panik scored the go-ahead run in a 3-2 win

on Aaron Barrett's bases-loaded wild pitch. That came after winning Game 2 2-1 in 18 innings.

The Giants also scored the tying run in the ninth inning Sunday on a wild pitch, a 5-4 loss in Game 2 of the NLCS.

"We play interesting baseball, especially late in games," said Jeremy Affeldt, who pitched 1 2-3 innings in relief of Hudson.

Playing without injured catcher Yadier Molina, the Cardinals had their chances. They squandered Wong's double in the second before he delivered a wind-aided, two-run triple in the fourth.

Javier Lopez got the first two outs of the 10th before Jon Jay's single, just the third hit by a left-handed batter against Lopez since he joined San Francisco in 2010. Two of those are by Jay this series.

Sergio Romo entered and retired Matt Holliday on a full-count grounder to third that Pablo Sandoval snared and fired to first.

"We don't do anything easy," Bochy said. "We might have got a little lucky there with Perez when he couldn't get a bunt down and he gets a base hit. But Blanco laid down a beauty."

A.J. Pierzynski went hitless in four at-bats starting as Molina nursed a strained left

oblique. St. Louis returned to AT&T Park in the postseason for the first time since losing Games 6 and 7 of the 2012 NLCS, which it had led 3-1.

Journeyman Travis Ishikawa hit a three-run double in the first to stake Hudson to a 4-0 lead in the right-hander's first postseason start beyond the division series in a 16-year career.

Hunter Pence's RBI double off John Lackey got things started in the first, the first time the Giants scored in the initial inning this postseason. Buster Posey and Sandoval hit consecutive two-out singles and Ishikawa followed an intentional walk to Brandon Belt to load the bases with his double.

The four runs were the Giants' most in the first inning in the postseason since scoring six against Joe Wood of the Red Sox in Game 7 of eight in the 1912 World Series.

Meanwhile, Miller, making his second career postseason start and fifth appearance, faced the Giants twice in relief during the '12 NLCS, losses in Games 2 and 6 at AT&T Park.

Vogelsong, on the other hand, has a 1.19 postseason ERA, and the Giants have won all five of his starts. He started the Division Series clincher against the Nationals, allowing one run in 5 2-3 innings.

Tiger, Phil named to Ryder 'Task Force'



NEW YORK

(AP)—After two decades of European dominance in the Ryder Cup, the Americans have created a task force to figure out why they keep losing.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson were among 11 players, captains and PGA of America officials who were appointed to the "Ryder Cup Task Force" that will look at everything from qualifications to captain's picks and even practice schedules during the matches.

Europe has won the Ryder Cup eight of the last 10 times, including a comfortable victory last month at Gleneagles that was remembered as much for Mickelson indirectly criticizing U.S. captain Tom Watson's leadership style in the closing press conference.

"This is a great step by the PGA to accomplish what we all want - to win the Ryder Cup," Woods said in a statement issued Tuesday by the PGA of America.

Woods has played on only one winning team in his seven Ryder Cup appearances. Mickelson (10 appearances) and Jim Furyk (nine) have played on only two winning teams. The other players are Steve Stricker, an assistant captain at Gleneagles, and Rickie Fowler, who has yet to win a match in his two Ryder Cups.

The former captains are Davis Love III (2012), Tom Lehman (2006) and Raymond Floyd (1989). None captained a winning team.

The previous two Ryder Cups were decided by one point, including Medinah in 2012 when Europe rallied from a 10-6 deficit behind impeccable putting. Justin Rose sank a 45-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole in singles and Ian Poulter made five straight birdies in a momentum-turning fourballs match Saturday afternoon.

PGA President Ted Bishop, saying he was tired of losing, picked Watson to be captain for Gleneagles. Watson had not been to a Ryder Cup since he was captain of the last U.S. team that won in Europe in 1993, and at 65 he was the oldest captain in Ryder Cup history.

The move backfired. Watson appeared to be out of touch at Gleneagles. The Ryder Cup ended with an awkward news conference in which Mickelson - beside Watson - praised the success of Paul Azinger in 2008 in the most recent U.S. victory and suggested that Watson didn't embrace that winning formula.

In the aftermath of the loss, various reports painted a picture of a heavy-handed leadership style in the U.S. team that brought even more attention to the loss.

The task force does not in-

clude Azinger, who said on Monday it was too soon after the Ryder Cup. Azinger said he has a private meeting already scheduled with the PGA of America within the next month.

The co-chairs are PGA chief executive Pete Bevacqua and Derek Sprague, next in line to be PGA president at its annual meeting next month. Paul Levy, the PGA secretary, was the third official appointed to the task force.

Sprague told The Associated Press in Bermuda the task force has people who represent all but two Ryder Cup teams from 1975.

"Back in those days, we were winning," Sprague said. "The last 20 years have been a real challenge."

Sprague said the task force would cover the way the captain is selected, how players qualify, how many captain's picks, when they should be picked, even small details like when the team arrives and the schedule leading to it.

Watson asked the PGA Tour for a week off before Gleneagles. That led to four consecutive FedEx Cup playoff events.

"We heard feedback that wasn't such a good idea," Sprague said.

Overlooked in the reaction to the latest American loss was the strength of the European team, which had four of the top five players in the world when the teams were set. Europe had three of the four major champions in Rory McIlroy (British Open, PGA Championship) and Martin Kaymer (U.S. Open).

"I see the negative connotations to it taking away from our victory, but I see the positive side that they'll have to really have an in-depth look to what they are doing wrong, and try to bring together a recipe that connects," Graeme McDowell said from the Volvo World Match Play Championship in England.

The PGA of America did not reveal a timetable for when the task force would meet or even what would come out of it. The next captain, typically announced at the PGA annual meeting in November, will not be selected until next year.

"I think we're naive to think we're going to perfect a winning process in the next 24 months," Sprague said. "I think this task force needs to be open to it. If we win in 2016, great. But even if we win, we shouldn't say the process is perfect. It will be evolving."

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NBA to test 44-minute game in Celtics vs Nets



NEW YORK (AP)—The NBA is going to evaluate if a shorter game could be a better one.

The Brooklyn Nets and Boston Celtics will play a 44-minute preseason game on Sunday as the league tests a format that features fewer minutes and fewer mandatory timeouts.

The contest will be four minutes shorter than the NBA's standard 48-minute game. The league said Tuesday that the preseason game will feature four 11-minute quarters, one minute shorter than normal.

Acting on a suggestion by coaches to tighten up the games, the league will use the matchup at Barclays Center to examine if

the shorter model flows better.

No long-term changes are currently being considered, but shorter games could be a way to keep players healthier, since there are no plans to shorten the season.

"At our recent coaches' meeting, we had a discussion about the length of our games, and it was suggested that we consider experimenting with a shorter format," Rod Thorn, the NBA's president of basketball operations, said in a statement. "After consulting with our Competition Committee, we agreed to allow the Nets and Celtics to play a 44-minute preseason game in order to give us some preliminary data that will help us to further analyze game-time lengths."

There will be two mandatory timeouts per quarter. One will

come at the first dead ball under 6:59 of the period if neither team has taken a timeout prior, and the second will be triggered by the first dead ball under 2:59 if neither team has taken a timeout since the first mandatory timeout.

There are three mandatory timeouts in the second and fourth quarters of the 48-minute game.

A 44-minute game would bring the NBA closer to college and international play, where the games are 40 minutes. It also would add up to 328 less minutes over the course of an 82-game season, which would translate to about seven fewer games.

But it would create some challenges for coaches.

"I'm looking forward to gauging its impact on the flow of the game. Since there is a shorter clock, it affects playing time, so it'll be interesting to see how it plays into substitution patterns," Nets coach Lionel Hollins said.

Hollins called it a "unique experiment that was worth participating in," and Boston coach Brad Stevens agreed.

"I appreciate the NBA's long history of forward thinking and willingness to try new ideas," Stevens said. "We told the NBA that we'd be happy to participate in this trial during a preseason game. I look forward to experiencing it and continuing the dialogue after Oct. 19."

The game will be televised live on NBA TV.

Dolphins' Knowshon Moreno out for season



DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—Knowshon Moreno is sidelined again, this time for the rest of the season, which has left the Miami Dolphins digging deep into their depth chart at running back.

Moreno went on injured reserve with a knee injury Tuesday, two days after he hurt his anterior cruciate ligament in the Dolphins' loss to Green Bay. It was his third injury since signing a \$3.275 million, one-year contract in March after five seasons with the Denver Broncos.

Starting running back Lamar Miller jogged on the side at the beginning of practice with an unspecified injury, which left undrafted rookie Damien Williams working with the first team. Veteran Daniel Thomas is listed third on the depth chart.

"We've got some good running backs here, and we can get the job done," Miller said.

Moreno led the NFL with 134

yards rushing in Week 1. He missed two subsequent games with an elbow injury, and sat out the start of training camp after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in June.

He can become a free agent again in March.

The Dolphins filled Moreno's roster spot by reinstating reserve defensive lineman Derrick Shelby from his suspension, which came after he was arrested on misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and trespassing at a nightclub.

The running game has been a strength for the Dolphins (2-3), who play Sunday at Chicago. They rank third in the NFL in yards per play and sixth in yards per game.

Miller, a third-year pro, ranks third among all running backs at 5.2 yards per carry, even though his longest game has been only 24 yards. He has started all five games and leads the Dolphins with 330 yards rushing. He also has 15 catches

for 93 yards and has scored four times, double his total for all of 2013.

The injury that sidelined him Tuesday isn't believed to be serious.

"He can do some things both running the ball and receiving," Philbin said. "We look forward to him contributing a lot moving forward."

Williams, who was undrafted out of Oklahoma, has played mostly on special teams this year. He has rushed for 39 yards in 12 carries and is confident he can take up the slack for Moreno.

"I feel I can continue doing whatever he has been doing, whatever the coaches want me to do," Williams said.

Moreno carried six times for only 10 yards against Green Bay - his first game in a month. His injury wasn't disclosed until Tuesday, and teammates were surprised to learn the news.

"It was kind of weird coming in today and finding this out,

like, 'Oh man, when did this happen?'" Williams said.

Philbin said neither he nor the team trainer was told about any injury Sunday.

Meanwhile, Broncos line-backer Danny Trevathan's broken leg will keep him out longer than expected.

The Broncos placed Trevathan on recallable injured reserve Tuesday.

That means the team's top tackler from last year can't practice until Nov. 26 and isn't eligible to play in a game until Denver visits San Diego on Dec. 14.

Trevathan reinjured his left leg Sunday in his second game back from a broken bone under his kneecap. On Monday, coach John Fox said this latest injury was to the top and side of his knee.

Trevathan's teammates were told Monday he'd be out six weeks, about the same timeline for his first injury. Now, it'll be eight weeks.

Lakers look poised to put Lin in starting lineup for Nash



Hope reigns supreme in the offseason, which is why many early assessments of the Los Angeles Lakers suggested that oft-injured point guard Steve Nash would be able to contribute significantly in 2014-15. Even Nash claimed that it would likely be his last season, but that didn't stop trainer Gary Vitti from professing optimism that he would have a relatively healthy year.

A few weeks into training camp, though, it looks like the player who missed 32 games in 2012-13 and 67 games in 2013-14 is headed for another season of frustration. As such, head coach Byron Scott is heavily considering turning Nash into a permanent backup for Jeremy Lin at the point guard spot. From Mike Bresnahan for the Los Angeles Times (via PBT):

Lakers Coach Byron Scott indicated that Jeremy Lin might become the starting point guard because of Nash's recurring back problems, a switch that makes sense due to Nash's on-again, off-again availability.

Nash played well in the Lakers' exhibition opener but sat out their second game and took himself out of their third because he didn't feel right.

"I have no doubt in my mind that if I went to Steve and said tomorrow, 'You know what, I'm going to start Jeremy and the games that you're available, we're going to bring you off the bench,' he's such a professional that I don't think it would be a problem whatsoever," Scott said.

Lin might not be able to play in Thursday's exhibition against Utah because of a



The Los Angeles Lakers' Jeremy Lin, right, plays defense against the Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry during a NBA preseason game.

sprained ankle, but he should be ready to go against Phoenix on Sunday in the fifth of the Lakers' eight preseason games.

As noted by Lakers.com reporter Mike Trudell on Twitter, Nash has not specified his health issues. However, it's believed that he's dealing with the same problems that kept him

sidelined in recent years:

Moving forward with a partially healthy or sidelined Nash is obviously a blow to the Lakers. While the team's postseason goals were always a little unlikely regardless of health, Nash would have played an important role as a facilitator given the number of play-

ers on the roster — to name a few: Kobe Bryant, Nick Young, Carlos Boozer, and Julius Randle — who require a reasonable or large number of shots to succeed. Lin excels in the pick-and-roll, but he is a score-first point who certainly can't match the output of the man with the third-most as-

sists in NBA history. The Lakers were always going to need a lot of luck to have a good season, and it now looks like they're already playing without a full deck.

Apart from the impact on the team, it is unfortunate that the basketball world will have to say goodbye to Nash when he's

not at his best. That doesn't make him unique — very few players are lucky enough to leave the game on their own terms. Regardless, fans should be on the lookout for the handful of vintage performances we get from Nash this season, because they might be few and far between.

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body of the sport in the region.

OCAWS is a member of the United World Wrestling, formerly known as the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles or FILA (Fédération Internationale des Luttes Associées). Serbian businessman Nenad Lalovic is

UWW's current president after being elected to a full six-year term during the World Congress in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

"My brother said they could provide us wrestling mats for free. They can ship it here but we have to find a permanent place where the athletes can train. As of now we're also using the Trench Tech gym," said Jason.

Palau is considered to be one

of the powerhouse teams in Micronesia. It produced Olympian Elgin Elwais, who represented Palau in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Palau wrestlers have been consistent medal winners in the Micro Games. This year when the quadrennial meet was held in Pohnpei, Palau collected six gold medals with Christian Nicolescu, Jarvis Tarkong, and Florian

Skilang Temengil topping their respective divisions in the Greco-Roman and freestyle events.

Besides Palau, the Wrestling Association of the Philippines and the Korean Wrestling Federation have also expressed their willingness to assist NMW.

WAP Secretary General Karlo Sevilla said they could provide technical assistance and help NMW with wrestling clinics.

"Either we go there on Saipan or they come here in the Philippines. We're willing to help them get started again," said Sevilla.

Filipino wrestlers are no pushovers in the Southeast Asian Games and have collected four gold, 10 silvers and 11 bronze medals in the last four editions of the regional meet.

Meanwhile, Trench Tech founder Cuki Alvarez, who used

to compete in wrestling before shifting to mixed martial arts, added they have friends in South Korea who also want to help.

South Korea, in the recently concluded Asian Games it hosted in Incheon, finished third behind Iran and Japan in the overall medal tally in wrestling. South Korea collected three gold medals, three silvers, and six bronzes.

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span of seven minutes (51st and 58th), while Kanoa avoided a shutout after drawing a goal from Ian Karl Maniagio in the 62nd minute.

In the boys U18 division, MP United met a tough opposition in Tan Holdings FC before pulling off a 4-3 victory.

Jirech Yobech scored the winning goal three minutes into the stoppage time. Tanapon Unsa, Daniel Lim, and Jehn Joyner were the three other scorers for MP United, which is still unbeaten in three games in the

division.

Sean Perez had two goals for Tan Holdings, while Emmanuel Aniana nailed the other one—the equalizer in the 88th minute. Earlier in the 60th minute Joyner put MP United on top, 3-1. MP United got its first two goals in the opening half with Unsa hitting the board in the seventh minute and Lim scoring in the 28th. Tan Holdings had only one goal in the first half, courtesy of Perez's shot in the 21st minute and he earned his second in the 76th to knot the count.

In other results, Tan Hold-

ings dominated Paire FC in the co-ed U12 match at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, 6-1, and the former also won in the boys U15 division via forfeiture against Shirley's Coffee Shop.

John Michael Roxas power Tan Holdings to the easy victory over Paire after drilling a hat-trick. John Guiller Canape, Thaipi Austria, and Frank Demaroz contributed one goal apiece. Blake Mister scored the lone goal for Paire.

Meanwhile, results in the girls U15 games at the Hopwood pitch will be reported once match reports are turned in.

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new track down but also getting new equipment that is up to world standards and can be used for regional and area championships," Mullins said.

OAA will be bringing in equipment that are used in long jump, pole vault, high jump, javelin and discus throw, shot put, and hurdles.

Mullins said fixing the track and getting new equipment could give Saipan hosting rights in the future.

She added there's also a plan of putting up a photo finish

equipment that would further help the NMA in officiating races, especially with Saipan hosting the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

"Saipan needs a photo finish booth and equipment. It is not cheap since it costs \$35,000 but it will give you a fair and accurate result. Hopefully, we can get all of this done by 2021 so Saipan will have another great facility," Mullins said.

Mullins said the NMA could start training new athletes, coaches, and officials once the new facility and equipment are in place.

"Athletics is not only about

the athletes. It is the whole package. We need new and more coaches who can get you more athletes to train. Officials need to be updated, too," she added.

Mullins said there's a lot of work to be done but with NMA, NMSA, and OAA joining hands the task at hand will be accomplished.

"2021 is not that far away, less than seven years from now. We will be back here to hold a bigger event and the CNMI doesn't want to just have a good looking track, but also a topnotch team that can compete against the best of Micronesia and the Pacific," the OAA official said.

'Pikaboo' looks at the bright picture at PXC 45

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Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez admitted to being intimidated by Darren Uyenoyama, but welcomes the opportunity to beat an Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran.

"When I got [Uyenoyama's (8-5) name] I searched him up and the first thing that popped up was UFC and he's a clack belt. I was like, 'Dad (Cuki), are you sure this is the right guy?' and he said, 'That's the guy,'" the younger Alvarez said in an interview with GuamSportsNetwork on Monday.

The Alvarez-Uyenoyama bout is one of the eight undercard fights in next week's Pacific Xtreme Combat 45, which is headlined by the Kyle Agon-Rolando Dy duel for the vacant PXC bantamweight crown.

Alvarez said he was shocked at first but later on looked at the bigger picture of having the chance to beat a guy that has fought in the UFC.

"That would mean I belong there [UFC]. This is what we



do and we need to face the top guns. It'll only [improve] my game overall. It will be a great experience for me, a good fight to have under my belt. It's a win-win situation," added Alvarez, who will face Uyenoyama on Oct. 24 at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Mangilao.

The 21-year-old is undefeated after three fights in PXC with his last win recorded

against Guam's Jay Tenorio (1-1) in PXC 42 last February, while Uyenoyama, a Brazilian jiu-jitsu black belt, will be making his PXC debut.

"This is the biggest fight of my career. He's a UFC veteran. This is the big league and this is where I want to be," said Alvarez, who has been reviewing a lot of Uyenoyama's previous fights as part of his preparation against

a tough foe.

"I know he's not only a black belt but a great one. That's his game, but I know he is down for the stand and bang as well. I'm glad he is because that's my game and that's where I should be able to beat him," said Alvarez.

Alvarez (10-1 with 3 KOs) is tapering down his training with fellow Saipan native Vince "The Clinch" Maska (3-0) and

PXC PHOTO
Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez lands a kick against Kid Orias during their bout in PXC 41 last year at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

Guam's Roman "Boom" Alvarez (3-0) under the supervision of Frank "The Crank" Camacho. He added that beating Uyenoyama would also mean that he finally deserve to get a title shot at PXC.

Uyenoyama is no joke and a win over him would be very impressive. I can almost guarantee a win over him would get me a shot at the flyweight title, which is the main goal for my PXC career," ended Alvarez.

Tinian holds multiple competitions

Tinian has its hands full this fall season with the staging of various sports competitions on the island.

According to *Gasetan Tao-tao Tinian*, the monthly newsletter of the Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian players are participating in three on-going events, while a fourth one its set later this month.

Tinian Premier Football Club is having its fall league season with games scheduled for five different groups: U10A, U10B, U12A, U12B, and U15. The club's U12 teams are traveling to Saipan every Saturday to challenge Kanoa FC, Shirley's FC, Tan Holdings FC, Paire FC, Matansa FC, and MP United in the U12 B division of the 2014 NMIFA Youth Fall League. The two Tinian squads and the Saipan teams are playing in various school fields here.

Back on Tinian, the rest of the club's teams play every Saturday from 4pm to 8pm, while training sessions are set every Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm to 6pm. Though the fall league has started, Tinian Premier is still accepting new youth players (8 to 18 age division) in its program, which is supported by Sherman Consulting, Ace Hardware, JC Café, M.E.T, Lucky Qiang, DYS, and DCCA.

The island has another youth program with Typhoon Sports Association holding a co-ed flag football competition.

Games are played every Wednesday and Friday nights for teams in the U14 and U18 divisions. The 69ers and

Spartans are entered in the U18 age group, while Blue Lightning and Red Storm are competing in the U14 division.

Flag-football games are conducted by volunteers headed by former CNMI team member Keith Nabors, while a friendly match between the U.S. Marines and local players took place late last month.

In basketball, Tinian has players competing in the three age group divisions in the 2014 BANMI Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The island has several players suiting up for the U21 division leader Ol'Aces, who are unbeaten in three games in the BANMI youth caging. In the U18 and U14 division, Tinian has its own teams. The island's U18 squad is also undefeated in three matches, while its U14 squad has yet to barge into the win column.

Meanwhile, the Bikers Association of Tinian will hold the Pedaling for Progress 35K MTB Race/Cancer Awareness Ride on Oct. 25. Registration is on-going for a fee of \$35. A mountain bike will be raffled off after the race.

The race will start and end at Taga Beach and will have competitions for three divisions: 9 to 12, 13 to 17, and 18-and-above. Registration is free for the 9 to 12 age group and can be made through Tinian Premier Football Club or Gineftao Children. To register in other age groups, contact Margo Gifford or Dawn Sarmiento. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)



TINIAN PREMIER FOOTBALL CLUB

Tinian Football Club's U12 team members line up before the start of their game against Tan Holdings FC in the 2014 NMIFA Youth Fall League late last month at the San Antonio Middle School Field.

Kagman, G-Rollers triumph in U21 division

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The Kagman Sparks and G-Rollers prevailed in their recent U21 games in the 2014 BANMI Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Kagman weathered KFC's third-quarter storm to pull off a 64-59 win in last Friday's U21

pairing, while G-Rollers barged into the win column, following a 73-68 victory over Dream Team (1-2) last Monday. Kagman now has a 3-1 record to tie the Sonics in second place, just one win behind the unbeaten Ol'Aces, who were gunning for their fourth win in as many



games against KFC (2-3) last night. The G-Rollers moved out of the cellar with their 1-3 card. Star Magic (1-2) and Laly 4 (0-3) complete the eight-team field.

The Sparks retained a spot in the top half of the team standings after bouncing back from a 9-point production in the third period. The third canto began with Kagman clinging to a 47-45 lead after KFC fought its way back from a double-digit deficit at halftime. June Alipio and Art Borromeo teamed up in KFC's rally, turning a 27-38 deficit to just two after combining for 11 points in the third frame.

However, the duo failed to sustain their momentum in the fourth to complete KFC's recovery, as Alipio went scoreless, while Borromeo was held to 2 points. Kagman, on the other hand, regained its form and drew points from every player it fielded in the game to avoid the second half collapse and get back on track after dropping its third game of the season against the Ol'Aces, 55-72.

Jonathan Santos top-scored for Kagman with his 17 points, while Jason Lampkin and Jessie Santos added 10 each. Jonathan Gunnacao led KFC with his 11 markers, but nailed only one field goal in the fourth frame.

In last Monday's game, the G-Rollers played steady in the second half to hand Dream

Team back-to-back losses.

The G-Rollers were just ahead by a hair at halftime, 36-35, after squandering a 19-10 advantage, but gained more cushion in the third, 55-45, with Mike Arciaga and Rainier Deleon Guerrero hitting their targets. Dream Team behind Shane Deleon Guerrero managed to cut the deficit to single digit in the fourth quarter, but Arciaga and company hung tough in the end to snap their three-game losing skid.

Arciaga and Rainier Deleon Guerrero finished with 20 points each for the G-Rollers, while Shane Deleon Guerrero had a game-high 22 markers.

FRIDAY

Kagman Sparks 64 – Jo. Santos 17, Lampkin 10, Je. Santos 10, Palino 8, Muna 6, Yu 3, Schroeder 3, Prado 2, Butters 2.

KFC 59 – Gunnacao 11, Cruz 9, Cristobal 7, Borromeo 7, Ogasawara 6, Montes 6, Alipio 6, Deocares 4.

Scoring by quarters: 22-8, 38-27, 47-45, 64-59.

MONDAY

G-Rollers 73 – R. De Leon Guerrero 20, Arciaga 20, L. Deleon Guerrero 9, Malonzo 8, Babauta 6, Factor 4, Rios 3, Iglecias 2.

Dream Team 68 – Deleon Guerrero 22, Kwon 21, Sablan 9, Palacios 8, Ada 6, Camacho 3.

Scoring by quarters: 19-10, 36-35, 55-45, 73-68.



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The Kagman Sparks' Allan Yu goes up for an uncontested shot during their game against the Ol'Aces in the U21 division of the BANMI youth league last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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3 countries willing to help NMI wrestling

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Three countries are keen on helping Northern Marianas Wrestling in its bid to revive interest in the Olympic sport by aggressively developing a grassroots program.

NMW's counterparts in Palau, the Philippines, and South Korea said they are willing to lend technical assistance and provide equipment for the fledgling sports association in the Commonwealth.

Jason Tarkong, the newly elected NMW president, said his brother John in Palau is the first to come to their aid as the latter is also the head of the Oceania Council of Associated Wrestling Styles, the governing

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Two fighters in action during the wrestling competition in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

MP United notches three wins in fall league

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MP United Football Club was victorious in three divisions of the 2014 NMIFA Fall League last Saturday.

The club's U15 boys team

started its string of wins last Friday after crushing Kanoa Football Club, 18-0, at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Sun Joon Tenorio scored five goals in the lopsided win, while Edwin Kim and Cody Leon chipped in four apiece. Richard Chin added two, while Go Sekiguchi, Joshua

Abragan, and Seung You contributed one each. MP United had the game in the bag right in the first half when it enjoyed a 13-0 advantage.

In the co-ed U12, MP United also cruised to victory against Kanoa FC, 6-1.

Oliver Lee and Mark Esalan led MP United's rout of Kanoa as they logged two field goals apiece. Go Sekiguchi and Jon Villagomez converted the two other goals for MP United. Go hit the board first with his goal in the 27th minute, while Lee made it a quick 3-0 advantage with his back-to-back goals in the 31st and 37th minute. Villagomez then ended MP United's first half domination of Kanoa with a goal two minutes before the opening half wrapped up.

In the second half, Esalan canned two straight goals in a

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A Kanoa Football Club player loses his footing while he and two other teammates battle an MP United player for possession during the boys U15 game in the NMIFA fall league last Friday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



OAA pledges new equipment for NMA

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The Oceania Athletics Association will be providing Northern Marianas Athletics with new equipment to replace the old ones NMA has been using the past years.

"We will be working closely with officials of the Northern Marianas Athletics and the Northern Marianas Sports Association so we can give them new equipment," OAA executive

director Yvonne Mullins said.

Mullins talked to NMA officials, and Northern Marianas Sports Association president Mike White and vice president Kurt Barnes during a visit on Saipan early this week and discussed mainly its long-term goal of repairing the track.

"The long term plan is to repair the track and get the equipment here," said Mullins, who had a two-day working visit on Saipan together with OAA president Geoff Gardner, vice president Trevor Spittle, and treasurer Titana Juventin.

She added that aside from the track oval, NMA's equipment had deteriorated the past six years as well.

"It is just not putting up a

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A student clears the bar during the high jump event in last year's All Schools meet. Oceania Athletics Association has pledge equipment, such as those used in the high jump contest, to Northern Marianas Athletics.